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Chickasaw military men serve U.S. in Iraq

Maj. Scribner in newest 'hot spot'



Maj. Theodore Scribner

Retired U.S. Army Major Theodore Roosevelt Scribner, now working at Fort Hood, Texas, has dedicated 40 years of his life, and two separate but related careers, to the service of the United States.

Maj. Scribner served in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and other locations. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and received three Americorps medals and an Army Commendation medal

during his 21-year career.

Arriving in Vietnam in March 1969, Captain Scribner was materiel officer at an ammunition battalion charged with supplying four forward bases. He was second in command of the battalion of 1,100 which had 65,000 to 80,000 tons of ammunition at any given time.

"Because I was in a combat service support unit, which is what ordnance ammunition is, we weren't out in the jungle on the front lines," said Maj. Scribner. "But, obviously, it was not unlike the way it is in Iraq today. There wasn't really a front line. Those guys were everywhere.

"It was dangerous, but since I wasn't a ground-pounder out in the jungle, not nearly as dangerous as those guys were out there. Nothing was totally safe. We lost people."

As with many Vietnam veterans, when Maj. Scribner re-

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Specialist Snider awarded Bronze Star for bravery



Spec. E. Jeremy Snider

U.S. Army Specialist Elisha Jeremy Snider, a Chickasaw from Enos, Okla., recently received the Bronze Star, National Defense Ribbon and numerous other awards for his acts of bravery while on patrol near Baghdad, Iraq.

While members of his patrol were preparing to eat lunch, a car bomb exploded about 30 yards away, killing eight and wounding four. Spec. Snider responded quickly, administering first aid that saved his sergeant's arm and possibly his life.

Spec. Snider also provided first aid for several other injured soldiers who died despite his heroic efforts

Spec. Snider, who spent several months in Walter Reed Hospital following the incident, suffered hearing loss from the explosion, qualifying him for a Purple Heart. He refused the honor, however, out of respect for his fellow soldiers.

"I was walking wounded and I thought it would have been kind of an insult to those that really got hurt," said Spec. Snider. "I could continue on. And I didn't want to get one because

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Metzger receives Purple Heart for service in Iraq



Steve Metzger, left

Steve Metzger, a Chickasaw from Killeen, Texas was recently awarded a Purple Heart for injuries he received while a civilian employee working with U.S. troops near Baquba, Iraq.

Mr. Metzger was working on Bradley fighting vehicle night vision and missile systems while stationed at Forward Observation Base Warhorse with the Fourth infantry Division when he received his injuries.

He was on his way to get a meal when he heard the incoming mortar rounds.

"They were close enough to the camp site so that when you hear them fire, you actually hear the outgoing rounds before you see them come into range," Mr. Metzger said. "After being over there about two months you kind of know what the artillery sounds like. I spent eight years in the military, so I knew they were shooting at us.

"The old Army mentality kind of came back and I just stood out there watching to see where the rounds were going to come in."

After seeing the first two rounds land in front of the group, Mr. Metzger and his friend Sgt. Smith pushed three other soldiers out of harm's way before

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Gov. Anoatubby recognized as 'Honored One'

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was recognized as "Friend of the Court" and "Honored One" during opening ceremonies of the Sovereignty Symposium Wednesday, June 1 at the Cox Convention Center.

The annual Sovereignty Symposium is conducted each year to discuss legal implications of tribal sovereignty.

Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger, a primary

organizer of the event, presented the awards.

The "Friend of the Court" award is presented each year to a person not directly involved in the legal profession who has been a strong supporter of the symposium.

Justice Kauger said Gov. Anoatubby has not only been a long-time supporter of the symposium, but has also done a

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Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger presented Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby "Friend of the Court" and "Honored One" awards during the annual June convention of the Sovereignty Symposium.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

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Ada, Oklahoma

May 20, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, J.D. Malaney, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen Stoner, Juanita Tate, Sue Simmons, Mary L. Gibbs, C. Mitchem, Margaret Ray, Rodney Brown, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Paul Yates, Buck Cheadle, Rita Loder, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier, Phillip Wood, Toby Perkins

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 15, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the April 15, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-014, Amendment to Title 10, Section 10-507 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Special Exemption Granted)

This resolution performs general housekeeping by deleting a section of the Chickasaw Nation Code which had granted exemption from the tribal sales tax by any Chickasaw citizen who purchased computers and related equipment from SmokeSignals Computer Company. As the company is no longer in existence, this resolution will remove the exemption.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-014 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-050, Approval of Amending the Office of the Gaming Commissioner Departmental Budget

This resolution approves the tribal budget increase in the amount of \$155,000.00 to the Office of the Gaming Commissioner. The Office of the Gaming Commissioner intends to hire three additional personnel for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2005 to accommodate the expansion of the Nation's gaming operations. Because of the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact, additional resources, both personnel and budgetary, are required to fulfill the Compact's requirements which include: open communication, increased report writing, availability to the State Compliance Agency (SCA), the licensing of virtually every vendor of the Chickasaw Enterprises and the renewal of such licenses every two years, increase training for office staff and the creation of an administrative hearing process.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-050. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-050 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-043, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Jerry D. Malaney

Ms. McManus introduced Mr. Malaney to the Legislators.

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Jerry D. Malaney, a Chickasaw citizen, to fill the remainder of a three-year term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, beginning on the date of appointment and ending on December 31, 2007.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-043. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-044, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Mark Riesen

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's moving Mr. Mark Riesen from the at-large seat he currently occupies on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission to the now-vacant seat on the Commission which represents the Pickens Legislative District. The resolution approves Governor Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to a term on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, ending on December 31, 2008.

A typographical error was noted in the fourth "Whereas" of the resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-044, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-050, as amended, carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-048, Approval of Application for Funding Indian Health Service Tribal Injury Prevention Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Indian Health Service for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Health System in improving the delivery of health service by reducing injury-related mortality, morbidity and disability by implementing a comprehensive community-based injury prevention program. The Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention Program will include data collection, prevention programs, education, policy development and public awareness.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-048. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-048 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-049, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Wellness Center to be located in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-049. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-049 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-045, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$227.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$749.10, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$187.28, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The property is subject to prior rights of the United States to flood and submerge the land in the construction, operation and maintenance of the Eufaula Dam and Reservoir Project, containing 3.3 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$9.90, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$2.48 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-045. The motion
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Your vote could be the one that makes all the difference

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

As occurs each summer, the Chickasaw Nation is approaching its annual election cycle. Ballots will be mailed out to registered Chickasaw voters on July 22. Those voters will elect four members of the tribal legislature and one justice of the Chickasaw Supreme Court.

Voting in Chickasaw elections is every bit as important, and precious, as voting in national elections. For Chickasaws, the annual Chickasaw election is our opportunity to cast our votes for our candidates and involve ourselves in how we are governed.

For Chickasaws who are at least 18 years of age and have not yet registered to vote, you have until July 18 to complete the process. And it is so very important that you do so!

We have all heard people tell us "my vote won't matter," or "a single vote can't make a difference." However, history tells a different story.

A very hard-fought election for the U.S. presidency was waged in 1960. A young Democratic senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy, challenged Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the office. Sen. Kennedy was only 43, but he was energetic, bright and a hard worker. Vice President Nixon was a seasoned Republican politician, a former California Congressman and a well-known figure in the Eisenhower administration.

The two candidates fought throughout the fall campaign season. Nixon started with a commanding lead in the polls, but Kennedy began making inroads. By election day, the candidates were in a virtual



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

dead heat.

On that first Tuesday in November, 1960, Kennedy garnered 118,574 more votes than Nixon – out of more than 68,000,000 cast! That equaled a razor-thin margin of two-tenths of one percent.

Kennedy won Illinois by less than two-tenths of one percent; Missouri by one-half of one percent; and Hawaii by only 115 votes – six-one hundredth

of one percent! The electoral votes from those states tilted the election to Kennedy.

When all the votes from that 1960 presidential election are broken down, Kennedy won by less than *one vote* in each of America's voting precincts.

In smaller elections, the importance of a single vote is magnified even more.

I have a friend who some years ago went with his wife to vote in a municipal judicial election. My friend thought his wife would vote as he would, but when the couple left the polling place, my friend got a big surprise. He had voted for Pete, but his wife had voted for Bob.

When my friend protested his wife's selection, she said, "well, my one vote won't count for much anyway."

When the returns came in, each candidate had received 459 votes. A tie! The law in that

state called for a coin flip on the state capitol steps to determine the winner. Both Pete and Bob arrived at the appointed hour, the coin was flipped – and Bob won.

My friend wasn't very happy with the outcome, but both he and his wife learned a good lesson regarding the importance of voting.

Your vote in Chickasaw elections is tremendously important. Your Chickasaw system of government is democratic, and the fundamental power belongs to Chickasaw voters. You make the decisions on who will represent you in the branches of government.

Remember, if you are not yet registered, do so today. Call the Chickasaw Nation and ask for the Election Secretary. You have until July 18.

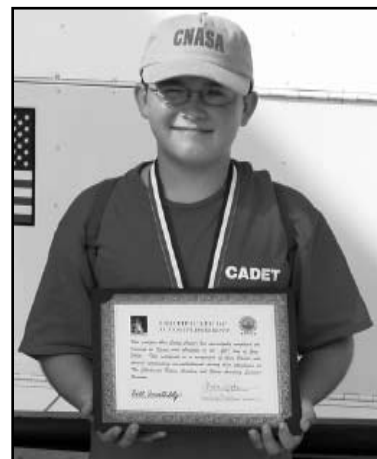
Don't wait! You can make a difference.

Chickasaw students learn aviation at tribal Space Academy

Dozens of Chickasaw high school students gained valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about aviation and aerospace at this year's third annual Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy. The academy continues through June 23.

Participants at CNASA had the opportunity to actually fly a single-engine airplane and visit the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum and the Federal Aviation Administration Aeronautics Center.

Students also built and flew a model rocket and model airplane, as well as receiving classroom training in fundamental concepts of aviation and space.



Codey Cooper proudly shows his Space Academy certificate of participation.

room training in fundamental concepts of aviation and space.

Heather Cheney traveled from her home near Houston, Texas to attend the camp for the third consecutive year.

"When I grow up I want to go into the career of aeronautics and space so I'm trying to get a head start by learning as much as possible about space and aeronautics," said Ms. Cheney. "I'm learning some of the things I need to learn if I'm going to be a pilot someday."

Alexis Barnes, who is attending the camp for her second year, said the camp will have an impact on her academic choices.

"I'll definitely take a lot more science and math, because I can tell that has a lot to do with careers that I didn't think it would," said Ms. Barnes. You think that nobody ever does division in real life, but I've definitely seen that it does play a big part in aeronautics.

"The thing I love about CNASA is it's given me more of an opportunity to learn about aeronautics and aviation. It helps me keep an open mind about careers and things I can do in the future."

First year student Wayne Johns was impressed with the

technology.

"I liked seeing all the different kind of technology," said Mr. Johns. "I liked seeing how it has all changed throughout all the years."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the camp was developed as part of the tribe's commitment to making exciting educational opportunities available to Chickasaw students.

"Our goal is to create an environment where these young people are encouraged to consider careers in science and technology and inspired to pursue excellence," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our first two years have been a great success. Many of the students left camp thinking about careers they may have never considered before, and we expect this year's camp will expand the horizons of even more Chickasaw students."

Retired astronaut Charlie Dry, who grew up in Tishomingo, Okla., developed CNASA for the tribe.

Dry was a test astronaut during the Apollo phase of the NASA space program, testing virtually every piece of hardware and component that had to do with space flight.

He was instrumental in the



Micah Tiger launches a model rocket as CNASA instructor Jay Toney looks on.

development of the U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. and the Cosmosphere Space camp in Hutchison, Kan.

"This just keeps getting better every year," said Dry. "We have

had a phenomenal group of kids. I am really amazed at the quality of students we've had here this year."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Election officials working hard this season



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Things are heating up and I do not mean the weather! It is election time once again in

the Chickasaw Nation! Your candidates will be working hard and there are some good ones so pay close attention to what they have to say to you. Our tribe is growing faster than Jack's beanstalk and we need informed, interested officials to get it all done.

The Election Commission works very hard to be certain everything is done according to the guidelines and that all candidates are treated fairly and equally. Rita Loder is the Election Secretary and she and the Commission work well together to ensure a professionally run contest. They are to be commended for the extraordinary lengths to which they go to be

certain that we have the best race possible.

Among the many items of special interest happening in the Nation (as well as the election campaigning, of course!) is the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1 of this year. The budget has continued to grow, and we are working hard to be sure everything is done properly.

And certainly the benefits we reap go on and on - all our division and departments have grown. Housing offers more and more different opportunities for our citizens to become home owners; we educate our people from 3 to 70 (and up if

need be!); our health care is truly state of the art, especially for diabetic care. Many people from many places come to study our health care and our government in general.

Legislator Scott Colbert is Chairman of the Finance Committee and he has really done a good job. The public budget hearings are being held in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore during the month of June and all questions which have been sent in prior meetings will be answered at the meeting. All questions will be answered including those asked at the meetings but they may not be answered immediately if research is necessary for the answer. However, the answers

will be forthcoming if not that evening.

The Children's Camps are ongoing and much fun is being had by the children. And much work had been done by the employees before the children get there to ensure they do have a good time. Chikasha Reunion was held at Kullihoma this weekend and it was monumental. (And if you notice the difference in spelling it was chanded because of information learned in research by the Historical Department.).

It's a GREAT time to be a Chickasaw and aren't we fortunate! Happy safe Summer to all of you. And may God bless you.

Linda Briggs

Budget review schedule helps fine tune process for upcoming fiscal year



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Budget Time Again

There are just certain things that happen on a regular basis, and in the Chickasaw Nation, the Budget Review is one of those. According to the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, Article VII, Sections 4 and 7, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, and disposition and management of real property. In addition, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Governor submits the proposed Consolidated Governmental Budget on an annual basis.

We are in the process at this

time of reviewing the Budget for Legislative consideration. The process in some ways is simple, yet complex. For one, each division of the Chickasaw Nation that submits a budget has been working on the budget for months. Those budgets are run through the Governor's office possibly several times before a decision is made for final submission. Each director of programs has carefully reviewed their expenditures and needs before submitting their budgets. In the Legislative office, the elected officials of the Legislature, Chairperson Linda Briggs and myself as Secretary, review our own budget with the Office Manager as well as Chair of the Finance Committee. After our changes were made, the budget was then discussed with the other Legislators in a committee. After discussions were completed, we submitted the final draft of our budget, which is included in the Consolidated Budget.

To complete the process, the Legislature has been reviewing the Budget now for nearly two months. We attended one lengthy meeting in which all Directors presented their individual budgets in detailed powerpoint presentations. These presentations really educated your legislators about what is going

on in the Chickasaw Nation. Honestly, we are growing so quickly, it is difficult to keep up with all programs and progress. We were able to see the new programs that have been developed, goals for the future, and actual pictures of some of the activities that have taken place over the past year. Our Chickasaw Nation is progressive with programs that are designed for all age groups.

As an aside, I recently attended a program provided by our new Division of Arts and Humanities. We are giving our Chickasaw kids opportunities that no other tribes have thought of. I'll write more on that next month. You will be so excited.

In the process of budget review, we are holding citizen meetings where you have the opportunity to attend and get some of your questions answered. Those are completed the week of June 27. We will soon place the resolutions for budget approval on the agenda to be voted on by the Chickasaw Legislature.

I wanted you to be aware of the process and hope that if you have questions you will feel free to contact me. I look forward to your e-mails at jparkerr@mail-clerk.ecok.edu

Judy Goforth Parker

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Jefferson Keel
Lt. Governor

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Grant sought for youth job training center



Dean McManus

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? I hope this finds you well.

The Human Resources Committee met on June 6 and approved resolution GR22-052 Assurances for the Youthbuild Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs. The resolution approves funding for the es-

tablishment of a training center to be located in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The training center will begin by focusing on the youth of our Nation.

This is the first step toward getting the training center needed so badly for all our Chickasaw people. There are so many job opportunities with the Nation now because of our growth and we need to train our Chickasaw people to step into those jobs.

Ms. Gayla Callaway of the Ada Area Community Emergency Services (ACES) gave a presentation to the Legislative Committee of the Whole on June 13. ACES works closely with the Nation's emergency services programs to take care of those who need emergency shelter, food, clothing and transportation. We began this coordination of efforts when tribal headquarters moved to Ada in 1977. We certainly appreciate the help of ACES when our programs do not meet all the needs of our people.

I was fortunate to be able to

attend this year's Red Earth Festival. Legislative Chairperson Linda Briggs and our attorney Robert Cheadle participated in the opening ceremony Grand Entry by carrying the Chickasaw flag. It was so beautiful! I sat in awe at the dancers in all their beautiful regalia. Red Earth mixes the regalia and dances of approximately 100 tribes throughout North America. I enjoyed it so much and felt so proud for all our Indian people.

As for a short report on the National Indian Council on Aging - the Board of Directors has decided on the theme of "Moving Forward, Honoring Commitments of the Past and Advocating for the Future" for the Council's 2006 conference scheduled for September 16-19, 2006, at the Tulsa Convention Center.

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and

every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless

Dean McManus
Pontotoc District Seat 4

GED summer hours added to assist Chickasaw students



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As chairman of the legislative Education Committee, I would like to encourage Chickasaws to take advantage of our excellent GED program. We have new summer hours to help you work on your GED. The summer hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation GED lab; Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at East Central University; and Monday and Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Pontotoc Technology Center.

Please call the tribal adult education office at (580) 421-7711 for more information. We want to be sure you receive all the assistance you need to complete your GED.

We were fortunate to participate in the very nice event honoring the late Lillian Fowler at the Pauls Valley senior site. It was a joyous occasion, and everyone appreciated the honor given Mrs. Fowler. Mrs. Fowler

died last year. She was our first CHR and did so much for that program, and for our tribe.

The food distribution center in Waurika is now open at 400 E. Highway 70. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interviews with clients occur from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 a.m. For more information, call (800) 493-7981 or (580) 228-3581.

I am continuing to support the wild horse adoption program. Our wild horses are disappearing quickly, and I believe we need to work diligently to help these noble creatures. There are currently about 9,000 wild horse in Oklahoma alone.

The U.S. Senate is currently considering a bill that could have the potential to destroy even more wild horses by limiting adoption efforts. I have included a clip-out box below you may fill in and send to me if you would like to show your support for the wild horse herds.

There are others who recognize the significance of the wild horses. Ford Motor Company has offered to transport the horse when needed, and actress Stephanie Power is very active in this protection movement.

We can do something about this important piece of our history.

Thank you for all your help and support.

You can contact me at my office, (580) 436-4594; my home (580) 788-4730; or by email at scottides@telepath.com

Electronic health records in the works



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! It's summer and many people are on vacation. However, legislative business continues and we Legislators and staff are on duty tending to the needs of the Nation. Summer is the time that we examine the Nation's budgetary needs for next fiscal year.

Kudos to Katie John for at-

taining the Gates Millennium Scholarship; to the Heritage Preservation Division for organizing what should be the best Chi-Ka-Sha Reunion ever; and all the speakers at Sovereignty Symposium, including our Legislator Scott Colbert and Legislative Counsel Robert Cheadle.

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, reported that the electronic health records system is in the implementation process at Carl Albert Hospital. The system will eventually allow the hospital and all clinics to share health information on patients. He also reported the following facts:

In the month of May, 2005, there were 238 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 12,843. May Emergency Room visits were 1,274. May saw 272 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,677 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,957 patients in May. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,732

patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,382. The Durant Clinic saw 2,514 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,403.

I publish the Health Systems reports each month because it never ceases to amaze me how many patients are receiving health care through the Health System. I am so thankful for the doctors, nurses and professional and administrative staff of the Health System!

Remember to spend time with your family and to express how much you and God love them. Be safe in your travels over the summer and may God bless and keep you.

Please contact me through my email address

mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

SAVE THE WILD HORSES

Yes, I encourage the Senate to reconsider current legislation and make all efforts to preserve and protect our American wild horse herds.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Please clip this box and mail to:

Mrs. Wanda Scott

Route 1, Box 42

Elmore City, OK 73443

May 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-051 Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$1,360,456. This amount is in addition to the Indian Community Development Block Grant tribal match of \$275,360 previously approved by General Resolution 22-009. The total request of tribal funds is \$1,635,816.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-052 Assurance for the Youthbuild Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution

approves the tribe's applications and funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs, for a Youthbuild Grant. The application will seek approval to train at-risk youth for job readiness.

The resolution assures that the Chickasaw Nation has followed the citizen participation requirements for the Youthbuild program prior to submission of the application for the Youthbuild grant.

The resolution states the Chickasaw Nation will commit up to \$69,000 cash and up to \$56,000 in-kind for leverage to support this project.

The resolution states future project benefits will be directed to low-and moderate-income, at-risk youth as required annually.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean

McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-053 Utility Right-of-Way in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves a Utility Right-of-Way easement to the City of Ada to construct and maintain utility services across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation, described as a tract of land located in the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NW/4 of said Section 28; thence S 89°50'51" W a distance of 111.40 feet; thence S 45°28'45" East a distance of 23.47 feet to the true point of beginning; thence S 45°28'45" E a distance of 19.20 feet; thence S 89°50'51" E a distance of 577.86 feet; thence N 00°56'45" W a distance of 13.50 feet, thence N 89°50'51" E a distance of 564.40 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.177 acre, more or less. Compensation for this Right-of-Way is waived in ex-

change for the establishment of utility services to tribal property between Rosedale and Seabrook Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-054 Request to Place Land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Office of Field Solicitor requests a resolution specifically describing said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number

22-055 Agriculture Lease No. G03-2689 in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves Agriculture Lease No. G03-2689, for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation, described as: Beginning at the NW corner of the S/2 NE/4 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 4.00 acres, more or less, in favor of Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning August 1, 2004, and ending on July 31, 2009, with a per annum payment of \$70.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$17.50.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwodd Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-056 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real

See Resolutions, page 30

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>	<u>Pickens District</u>	<u>Tishomingo District</u>
Seat #	Seat #	Seat #
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-9882 hollye@tds.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker 20565 CR3560 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73453 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Melvin Burris 21050 CR 1620 Stonewall, OK 74871 (580) 265-4285	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		<u>Panola District</u> Seat # 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409

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great deal to advance the cause of sovereignty during his tenure as governor.

She said this was the first time in the history of the symposium that one person has received both awards.

"This symposium has done a tremendous job promoting the understanding and appreciation of tribal sovereignty through the years," said Gov. Anoatubby. "It is really hard to measure the positive impact this event has had on Indian law and public perception of Indian nations.

"Everyone at the Chickasaw Nation takes a great deal of pride in participating in, and supporting this event."

Governor Anoatubby, who led a panel on tribal/state compacting, was one of several Chickasaw citizens who took an active role in the symposium.

Chickasaw legislator D. Scott Colbert and tribal attorney Robert Cheadle took part in a panel on jurisdiction.

Neal McCaleb, former U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation participated in a panel on transportation issues.

Chickasaw attorney Jess Green served as moderator of a panel dealing with gaming issues.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Two Chickasaws receive Gates Millennium Scholarships



Katie Johnson



Latisha Stick

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaws Katie Johnson and Latisha Stick recently received Gates Millennium Scholarships.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS), funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Islander Americans and Hispanic American students with opportunities to complete an undergraduate college educa-

tion, in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education or library science.

"Education is possibly the single most important factor shaping the course of our future," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We are extremely proud of these individuals and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors."

Katie is the daughter of

Charles and Angie Johnson. She is a 2005 graduate of Vanoss High School. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma majoring in nuclear medicine. She hopes to begin her career as a laboratory technician at the OU Health Science Hospital.

When she found out she won the scholarship she said she was, "on cloud nine for two weeks."

Not only was Katie the class valedictorian and class president, she also was involved in basketball, softball, Business Professionals of America, student council, Gear Up, Oklahoma Girls State and the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council.

Katie also received four other scholarships to help pay for her education.

Latisha Stick is a recent graduate of Byng High School. She is the daughter of Martin and Loeta Stick. Latisha plans to attend East Central University in the fall majoring in legal studies. Later she plans to attend law school at either Harvard or Yale.

Latisha's future goals include becoming Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Regarding her scholarship, she said, "It is nice to know that I have a full-ride and I don't have to worry about anything."

While in high school she

was involved in the Byng High School Band, Native Voices, academic bowl, Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts, Chickasaw Nation Youth Council, National Unity Council, scholastic meets and the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe.

"Both Katie and Latisha have proven they have the ability to succeed in the classroom and be positive influences within their communities," said Chris Wesberry, tribal higher education manager. "We know their hard work and determination will carry on at the college level. They are great students and just as important, they are great people."

The tribe's higher education department hosted a GMS workshop in December for area schools. At the workshop, tips were given to participants about completing the scholarship ap-

plication.

The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need to reach their fullest potential.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation established the initiative to encourage and support students to complete college and continue on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in disciplines in which their ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented. The Gates Millennium Scholars award enables young Americans to attend undergraduate and graduate institutions of their choice and be prepared to assume important roles as leaders in their professions and in their communities.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Committee Reports

Court Development AD HOC Committee

June 13, 05

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Donna Hartman

Finance Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

June 13, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Health Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Holly Easterling

Human Resource Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Legislature Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

June 6, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Present: Donna Hartman



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Yakni Moma Alphisa is Justice for a Nation



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

YAKNI MOMA ALPHISA - JUSTICE FOR A NATION - Those four (4) little words are the heart of the Judicial Branch. We are proud to serve the Chickasaw people in a court system supported by the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. Another June has come and we are still excited about the growth of the Judicial Branch. The Supreme Court, District Court and the newly re-established Peacemaking Court are here to provide our citizens with **JUSTICE FOR A NATION; YAKNI MOMA ALPHISA!**

The Judicial Branch is delighted to welcome two (2) young ladies, Jordan and Spencer Kiddie, members of the Summer Youth Program, to the staff of the Supreme Court and District Court. Jordan and Spencer Kiddie have proven to be delightful and hard working young ladies. They are the daughters of William and Tandra Kiddie of Sulphur. Both girls attend Sulphur schools and have one little brother, Mitchell.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

The Peacemaking Court began docketing cases February 1, 2005. Peacemaking is a consensual process that requires the parties to agree to Peacemaking and to agree to the Peacemaker in order to participate in the Peacemaking process to resolve their differences. The Peacemaking court has had **2** cases filed. If you have any questions regarding the Peacemaking process or court, contact Jason Burwell at 580-235-0281 and he will be happy to assist you.

We would like to thank all of the students who applied the judicial scholarship. The Judicial Branch is pleased to be able to establish a scholarship to assist Chickasaw students, of any age, with a desire to pursue

a career in the field of law. We are looking forward to following the successes of our scholarship recipients as they complete their education. We would also like to thank the Chickasaw Foundation for facilitating the scholarship process.

The Court Clerks have completed their second (2) week of

Court Clerk certification training with Oklahoma State University. This session covered, Violence in the Workplace – Jim Rylie, Communication Connection with Kerry Robertson, Chickasaw Nation Statute Reference with Legislative Chairman Linda Briggs and Legislative Counsel, Robert Cheadle. Other topics covered are: Case Studies on Court Procedures by Karen

Ragsdale and Stress Management by Jim Rylie. Oklahoma State University has provided a well rounded curriculum for the court clerks that will prove valuable in the day to day operation of the courts.

Justice Smith, Judge Duck, Advocate Cheadle and I attended the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City on June 1 and 2, 2005. We met many

tribal members from across the state. Justice Smith and Judge Duck participated in a panel discussing tribal jurisdictional issues. Justice Smith spoke on Peacemaking jurisdiction and Judge Duck spoke on Chickasaw jurisdiction since the re-establishment of the Chickasaw District Court.



YAKNI MOMA ALPHISA, (JUSTICE FOR A NATION), CHICKASAW NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH SEAL designed by Jeanne Barbour, Chickasaw citizen

District Court news

The Chickasaw Nation District Court is located at 1500 N. Country Club in Ada, Oklahoma. The court is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 daily. Wayne Joplin, Court Clerk and Tamara Dresser, Deputy Court Clerk, are available to schedule appointments with the court advocates or to file petitions.

The District Court had **34** new cases filed in May which

brings the yearly total to **174 new** cases. The Court Advocates assisted **105** individuals in May with their legal issues, a total of **511** since January 2005.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Remember to check out the new Chickasaw Nation webpage at www.chickasaw.net. You can find us by clicking on the "Government" link then on the "Judicial" link.



Spencer Kiddie – Summer Youth participant.



Jordan Kiddie – Summer Youth participant.

Watkins named CNHS Finance Director



Mendy Morgan Watkins

Mendy Morgan Watkins was recently named Director of Finance for the Chickasaw Nation Health System. She is 3/8

Chickasaw/Choctaw.

Mrs. Watkins has worked for The Chickasaw Nation for over six years, most recently as the Accounts Payable Manager at Headquarters Finance. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration-Accounting degree from the University of Oklahoma. She is a member of the OU Alumni Society, OU American Indian Alumni Society and the International Accounts Payable Professionals.

Mrs. Watkins is the daughter

of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Cayman and Kai. She enjoys coaching Kai's t-ball team and watching Cayman play t-ball.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Thomas John appointed Administrator of Self-Governance Division

Thomas John was recently appointed Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Self Governance Division where he is responsible for coordination of tribal-federal programs, including inter-governmental negotiations, policy analysis and program evaluation.

Mr. John has worked for the Chickasaw nation since January 2002, when he was a health planning and policy analyst for the health system.

One year later he advanced to director of health planning and policy.

Prior to coming to work for the Chickasaw Nation, he worked for the United South and Eastern Tribes and for the Seneca Nation in positions of responsibility for health planning and policy decisions.

Mr. John also sits on a num-



Thomas John

ber of boards and workgroups dealing with Indian health policy and issues.

He is an enrolled Seneca Nation tribal member of the turtle clan, and belongs to their traditional longhouse. Mr. John and his wife, Lisa, a Chickasaw, have two children, Lauren and Trevor.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Foster appointed Administrator of Facilities and Support Division



Stanley Foster

Stanley Foster was recently appointed administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Facilities and Support Division, where he will oversee seven departments, including procurement, risk management and fleet manage-

ment.

Mr. Foster has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation for 15 years, including time as sales manager for Chickasaw Trailer Manufacturing Co., Jobs Training Partnership Act counselor and director of the Ardmore area office.

Prior to coming to work for the tribe, Mr. Foster was employed with First National Bank in Ardmore and served as Vice President of Bacon Transport Co. He also served as Carter County Justice of the Peace. *Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

Lisa John appointed Education Services Administrator



Lisa John

Lisa John was recently appointed Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Division, where she will oversee departments including education services, Head Start and Early Childhood, Child Care, and Vocational Rehabilitation departments.

"My goal as administrator is to provide a working environ-

ment where the employees have an opportunity to grow and become well trained so that we can provide optimal services to the Chickasaw people," said Mrs. John. "My vision for the division of education is to research, identify and develop programs that enhance learning opportunities for the people we serve without limiting ourselves to any particular age or gender."

Mrs. John has worked for the tribe since 1994. She served as Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Self Governance Division before being appointed to her current position.

Previously, Mrs. John was executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation.

She is married to Thomas John. The couple has two children, Lauren and Trevor.

Hamilton named Director of Chickasaw Nation Education Services



Lori Hamilton

Lori Hamilton was recently promoted to director of Chickasaw Nation Education Services, where she will oversee higher education, adult and career education and public schools services.

Previously, Ms. Hamilton worked as program manager for the Office of Self-Gover-

nance. While working in this capacity she maintained close working relationships with members of the Department of Interior and Department of Health and Human Services and negotiated annual funding agreements with both entities on behalf of the Tribe.

In 2004, she was involved in negotiating the law enforcement self-governance compact and re-establishing the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police. Also in 2004, Ms. Hamilton was instrumental in developing the Chickasaw Nation Internship program. This program is currently in its second year of operation and has been a tremendous success for both Chickasaw students and

the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Lori Hamilton is a lifelong resident of Ada, Oklahoma. She graduated from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science degree in December of 1998. In May of 2003, she completed her Master of Science degree in Human Resources Administration. She has been employed by the Chickasaw Nation for 12 years.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribal net assets post 28% increase over start of year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw

Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2005 Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$4.9 million for the month and \$48 million year-to-date.

Expenditures for the month were \$1.6 million and \$16.9 million year-to-date. Year-to-date, a total of \$19.6 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$291.3 million. Net in-

come before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$83.1 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had \$42.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$8.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had \$69.2 mil-

lion in cash and investments of which \$30 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$26 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of May 31, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling \$367 million with \$43 million

in payables resulting in net assets of \$324 million compared to \$253.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$70.4 million for the eight months then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 4,063,528	291,333,591	295,397,119
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	43,911,825	(43,911,825)	-
Total funds available	47,975,353	247,421,766	295,397,119

Expenditures

General government	3,253,178		3,253,178
Legislature	908,508		908,508
Judiciary	386,568		386,568
Education	2,200,025		2,200,025
Heritage Preservation	1,251,322		1,251,322
Health	3,005,962		3,005,962
Youth and Family Services	1,434,263		1,434,263
Nutrition Programs	1,303,856		1,303,856
Regulatory	348,011		348,011
Assistance Programs	786,641		786,641
Transfer to Loan Program	2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense		135,475,122	135,475,122
Other businesses' expense		72,704,711	72,704,711
Total expenditures	16,878,334	208,179,833	225,058,167

Increase in net assets	31,097,019	39,241,933	70,338,952
Beginning net assets	102,966,239	150,617,130	253,583,369
Ending net assets	\$ 134,063,258	189,859,063	323,922,321

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets May 31, 2005

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 42,935,698	69,210,238	112,145,936
Receivables	658,929	7,771,503	8,430,432
Inventory		4,066,372	4,066,372
Prepaid expenses		7,456,121	7,456,121
Other Assets		21,169,293	21,169,293
Fixed assets	90,762,740	123,036,311	213,799,051
Less payables	(294,109)	(42,850,775)	(43,144,884)
Net Assets	\$ 134,063,258	189,859,063	323,922,321

**Logan Prince**

Logan William Prince celebrated his first birthday, May 5, 2005

He is the son of Cory and Laura Prince, Pontotoc, Okla. He is the grandson of Norma and Sonny Prince, Pontotoc, and Bud and LaTricia Wolf, Noble, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of Bill and Jean Tate of Amarillo, Texas, Charles and Maxine Wolf of Ada, Okla., and Susie Ward, Noble.



Jaden Sierra Eddy celebrated her fifth birthday July 3, 2005.

She is the daughter of Noah and Sunny Eddy of Paoli, Okla. She is the sister of Dade, 8, and Kelsey, 12.

She is the granddaughter of Bob and Christi Hunter of Stratford, Okla., and Lee and Ina Pettigrew of Ada, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Sam and Mildred Estes of Stratford and Noah and Lillie Wisdom of Pontotoc, Okla.

Jaden loves to play with her Brats, Care Bears, Little Pony and enjoys being outside.

We are very proud to have this pretty girl in our life. She is a joy to have around.

We love her very much!

Mom and Dad are very proud of you and were blessed with a beautiful little girl!

Love you and Happy Birthday!

**Cody Patton**

Cody L. Patton of Shawnee, Okla., turned 13, June 30, 2005.

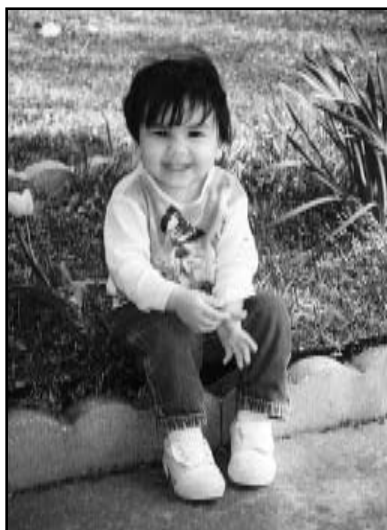
He is the proud son of James and Linda Fullbright.

He is well loved by his mom, dad, brother, Michael and sister, Ashley.

Son I can't believe your already a teenager. Happy 13th birthday Cody!

Love,

Mom, dad, Michael and Ash-

**Jessie Frazier**

Jessie Sierra Frazier will celebrate her second birthday, July 20, 2005.

She is the daughter of Belvin and Sherri Frazier of Muskogee, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Ruth Frazier and the late Joseph Frazier.

She loves to play outside and to play with Elmo.



James Edmund Pickens turned 80 years old June 28, 2005. He celebrated with his family and great friends, Saturday, June 25, 2005 with a birthday cake displaying 80 candles and a picture of him when he was 17 years old.

He currently lives in Sonora, Calif.

He is originally from Sulphur, Okla., where he grew up and is a descendant of Cyrus Harris.

He is the son of the late Winnie Amanda Norman and Edmund Hiram Pickens and the grandson of Hiram Pickens and Bendy Pickens (Owens).

He enjoys sitting in his backyard feeding the deer, squirrels and birds that come and visit daily.

His wife of 46 years, Alice, died in 1997. His children are Pam Gerner and husband Steve, Anthony Pickens and wife Tricia and youngest daughter Stephanie Pickens. His grandchildren are Jaime Billings, Jennifer Billings and Jon Pickens. His great-grandchildren are Derek Laemas, Garrett Francis and Natalia Sal-

**Dade Eddy**

Dade Seth Eddy celebrated his eighth birthday July 9, 2005. He is the son of Noah and Sunny Eddy, Paoli, Okla., and the brother of Kelsey, 12, and Jaden, 5.

He is the grandson of Lee and Ina Pettigrew, Ada, Okla. and Bob and Christi Hunter, Stratford, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Noah and Lillie Wisdom, Pontotoc, Okla., and Sam and Mildred Estes, Stratford.

Dade enjoys playing baseball, swimming and playing video games. He attends Paoli Elementary School and is a very smart student.

We are all very proud of him and we love him very much. He is a joy to be around.

Mom and Dad are very proud oh you, cause you are a very respectful and well mannered boy!

We all love you very much! Happy birthday!

Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Jaden, Nana and Papa.

Kayla Jo Wood became a teenager May 29, 2005. She celebrated her 13th birthday with a slumber party with her girlfriends. They enjoyed swimming and eating hotdogs in the rain. Granny, Aunt Teresa, Logan, Neely, Mom and David were also there to celebrate her special day.

Kayla Jo will be in the 8th grade this fall at Tishomingo (OK) Middle School where she made TMS cheerleader and the High School Flag Corp. She was also voted for Student Council Secretary. Kayla is active in the Johnston County Softball League, basketball, cross-country, band, cheerleading and 4-H. She has been on the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Program and Tishomingo School Honor Roll every semester since Kindergarten. Kayla Jo loves sports along with playing around with her little sister Neely.

She is the daughter of Patricia and Scott Wood of Tishomingo and the big sister of Neely Wood. Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., the late Joe Plumley and Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

Happy 13th Birthday Kayla Jo!

We Love You!

**Kayla Jo Wood**

Kaleb Eugene Lacher celebrated his sixth birthday, May 22, 2005 at McDonalds, Oklahoma City.

He is the son of Jayme Lacher and Steven Cravens, Ada, Okla. He is the big brother of Dylan Thomas, Stephanie Renee and Madison Nicole.

He is the grandson of Robert and Tonia Matthews of Blanchard, Okla., James and Cecilia Stringer of Kingsville, Texas, and David and Teri Cravens of Moore, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Leona Lacher of Lewisville, Texas, the late David Lacher, Sr., Kenneth and Christine Cravens of Oklahoma City, Mamie Stringer, Tupelo, Okla., and the late JC Stringer and the great-great-grandson of the late John and Pearline Billy.

Happy sixth birthday Kaleb.

You are loved very much!

**Kaleb Lacher**

**Trysten Cook**

Trysten Cook turned 5 years old March 7, 2005. He celebrated with a birthday party at Chuckie Cheese with his family.

Ethan Weaver will celebrate his first birthday Sept. 7, 2005.

The boys are the grandsons of Janie Brady of Forth Worth, Texas. They are the great-grandsons of original enrollee Janie Hardwich Benson.

**Matthew Atteberry**

Matthew Atteberry celebrated his seventh birthday May 7, 2005 with a big slide party at his home in Kingwood, Texas.

He is the son of Robert and Dana Atteberry of Kingwood. His mom is the great-granddaughter of Winnie L. Blocker, an original enrollee.

Matthew loves swimming and baseball and is an avid fan of the Houston Astros.

He has a good reason for his happy smile, besides his seventh birthday he was promoted to the second grade and his daddy is recovering from a recent heart transplant. His brother's Price and Jack helped Matthew celebrate his birthday.

**Ethan Weaver****Hayllee Marie Jensen**

Hayllee Marie Jensen was born March 13, 2005. She weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and measured 18.5 inches.

She is the daughter of Harold Jr., and Tishina Jensen, Reno, Nev. She joins a brother, Jordyn Tyler Perry, 5.

She is the granddaughter of Patrick and Debra Perry, Reno. She is the great-granddaughter of James and Patsy Perry, San Jose, Calif., and the great-great-granddaughter of Ruby McKinney, Ada, Okla. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Caroline Mulligan.

Chickasaw runner fifth in marathon



John Ellis placed third in his division at the Fifth Annual Oklahoma City Memorial marathon, April 24, 2005. He finished the 26 mile, 285 yard event in 3 hours 45 minutes, 57 seconds.

Chickasaw top jazz perform-

Jemar Poteat recently won the James "Gig" Giglo prize in Jazz Performance award and the "Outstanding Musicianship" at the North Texas 2004 Jazz Festival.

Jemar is a 2001 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla., and attends the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He is a member of "The Pride Marching Band," OU Jazz Band and concert stage band.

He is the son of Darnell and Cassandra Poteat. He is the grandson of James and Martha Poteat and the great-grandson of Florence McGee, Chickasaw descendent.

**Jemar Poteat**

Chickasaw named Lone Star Conference 'Pitcher of the Year'

Ryan Kaney of Thomas, Okla., was recently selected Lone Star Conference Pitcher of the Year, first team All-Region and was named NCAA Division II All-American.

He pitched for the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos, Edmond. Ryan finished 10-0 with a 2.95 earned run average. The senior right-hander gave up just 21 earned runs and 19

walks in 64 2/3 innings, with opponents hitting just .239 against him this season.

Ryan is the son of Bonnie Kaney and Tom Kaney of Thomas. He is the grandson of Mary Jo Kaney, Madill, Okla., and the late Ramon Kaney. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Eastman Kaney and the great-grandson of the late Doyle and Ethel Kaney.

Ada Community Council elects officers

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council recently elected new officers during its June 16 meeting at the Marie Bailey Community Center. Cheryl Hassell filled the position of president vacated by Warren Reed. The council elected Pat Cox as vice president, while Lura Mullican will serve another term as secretary.

Justin Presley of the Chickasaw Division of Housing spoke about the homeowners program, filling out housing applications, the storm shelter program and the Chickasaw Housing Improvement Program. The council enjoyed a casual dinner of sandwiches following the meeting.

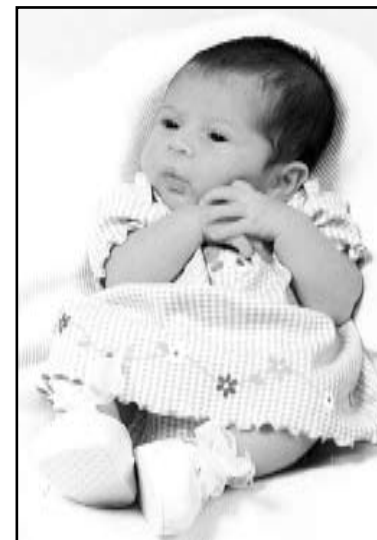
Toby Perkins, the council's public relations officer, stated, "I would like to encourage all Chickasaw citizens to come be a part of our monthly meetings."

The Community Center's next meeting is set for July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the community center.

Pauls Valley Community Council

The next Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at the Chamber of Commerce, 112 E. Paul, Pauls Valley. It is for all ages and tribes. Please bring your American Indian family pictures and artifacts to share with the group. We will also discuss discontinuing this Council and meeting with the Purcell Council in the future. Also to be decided is what to do with the small amount of money in the bank, which is less than \$75.

For more info, call Chairman Don Somers, 405-665-2828.

**Jacie Crawford**

Jacie Nadine Crawford was born April 8, 2005 at Norman Regional Hospital, Norman, Okla.

She is the daughter of Sarah and Eddie Crawford.

She is the granddaughter of John and Nadine Underwood and the great-granddaughter of Ruby Anderson.

Chickasaw named freshman class valedictorian



Cameron Burton

Cameron Burton was freshman valedictorian for his 2004-05 class at Choctaw (OK) High School.

He is the grandson of Doyle and Joanne Burton, Carolyn and Ed Peck and the late Ron Hurt. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee, Daisy O'Dean Walker Jones.

Cameron, a Chickasaw student, was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. His honors and activities include: United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar, received the National Achievement Award

(mathematics), Kiwanis Male Student of the Year, CODA Honor Band, OBU Honor Band, Oklahoma Junior High Honor Society, received the President's Award of Education Excellence, on the Superintendents Honor Roll, member of Advanced Band (Bandsman of the Year), received a journalism award, the Charter Development Award and had perfect attendance, yearbook, newspaper editor, tutor and church orchestra.

Cameron will attend Choctaw High School this fall as a sophomore.

Chickasaw students celebrated upon graduation

A graduation party was hosted May 28, 2005 by Donald and Jackie Price for three graduates of the Seawright family.

Crystal Price is a 2005 graduate of Durant (OK) High School, Lance Seawright is a 2005 graduate of Sulphur (OK) High School and Monica Seawright is a 2005

graduate of Ardmore (OK) High School.

Those who attended the celebration included the parents of the graduates and their immediate family members; Kelly, Sue and Levi Price, Larry, Kathleen and Logan Seawright, Adeline Davis; and Wilson and Anita Seawright. Other relatives present were, Donald and Jackie Price; Suzanne Price; Lela, Miranda and Victoria Mechtyly; Josie and Libby Thayer; E.J. and Pauline Tolbert; Esteline Frances; Jenni-

fer, Blakely and Clayton Hayes; and Donald, Pam, Brandon, Brent and Cody Tolbert.

Immediately following the graduation celebration a wedding shower was hosted by Donald and Jackie Price for another member of the Seawright family, Victoria Mechtyly. She is the daughter of Jack and Lela Mechtyly of San Angelo, Texas and will become the bride of Ruben Labrador, III, June 25, 2005.

Angler lands 40-lb. flathead at Ardmore



Ed Marris

Ed Marris, 15/16 Chickasaw, caught this 40 lb. flathead catfish with a rod and reel while fishing at Ardmore (OK) City Lake, May 16, 2005. He was on his first day of vacation and claims it pulled him all over the lake before he landed it.

He is employed by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development Maintenance Department at Ardmore.

Chickasaw student takes top National History Day honors



Timothy Poorbaugh

A Chickasaw student has recently been honored for his unique National History Day entry.

Timothy Poorbaugh, 17, a senior at Fort Pierce Central High School, St. Lucie County, Florida, developed a presentation entitled "Indian Cane Communicating A Culture." The entry was judged Outstanding Senior Entry for the State of

Florida.

"Indian dance was and remains an integral part of the Indian culture as they use dramatic movements to speak to the spirits," Mr. Poorbaugh wrote. "After completing the research, I chose the exhibit format to display Indian Dance."

Mr. Poorbaugh attended powwows and observed different dances. He then produced replicas of masks worn during traditional dances. He constructed a board in a semi-circle to demonstrate life as a circle, and he used powerful pictures that dramatically displayed the dance.

The exhibit also included a map showing the locations of the various tribes and the dances they performed.

"It is an honor for me to be attending the National History Day competition, especially with a project that is able to show such an important part of my culture," Mr. Poorbaugh wrote.

Tennessee visit



Amanda Von Tungeln Havern, El Reno, Okla., recently traveled to Tennessee to visit her son Chris Havern and her three grandsons, Blake, Logan and Justin Havern. They are pictured outside "The Commissary" Barbecue Restaurant, Germantown, Tenn. Amanda Von Tungeln Havern is the great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris. Her mother is the late Chickasaw Charline Penner Von Tungeln, born at Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914.

Gathering of Nations celebrated April 29-30, at Albuquerque



Above, Chickasaw Royalty, including Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall, Little Miss Chickasaw Shesley Robertson and Junior Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worcester attend the Gathering of Nations at Albuquerque. Right, Michael Roberts, Chickasaw/Choctaw, competes in the Fancy Dance category.





Monetathchis graduate together



From left, Clarice Sparlin, Nola Runyan, Gina Frazier and Dusk Monetathchi.

Within the last seven months, the three daughters and one son of Delores Monetathchi of Tishomingo, Okla., each completed and graduated in their chosen field of education.

Dusk Monetathchi graduated from Federal Law Enforcement Training in Artesia, N.M., on December 16, 2004 to become a Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse police officer. Gina Monetathchi Frazier graduated from nursing school in Durant, Okla., on June 16, 2005 and will begin her nursing career with the Medical Center of Southeastern

Oklahoma in Durant. Clarice Monetathchi Sparlin graduated from East Central University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood in May, 2005 and will begin her teaching career soon. Nola Monetathchi Runyan graduated from East Central University in May 2005 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and has a position of Activities/Lifestyle Specialist with the Chickasaw Nation.

You are a blessing and you have been blessed.

Proud Mom!

Chickasaw inducted into National Honor Society



Renee Perry

A Chickasaw student from Lindsay, Okla., has been recognized for her scholarship.

Renee Perry, a junior at Lindsay High School, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Ms. Perry also received a certifi-

cate of outstanding academic performance for placing in the top five percent of students participating in the grade 10 ACT Plan Program.

Ms. Perry is active in Calvary Baptist Church and attends Falls Creek Camp annually. She participates in the Chickasaw summer youth program, and has worked at a local grocery store the past two years. This year, she is working for the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Perry is the daughter of Roy and MaryAnne Perry, of Lindsay. Her paternal grandparents are the late Robert Perry and Mollie Perry, who graduated from Sequoyah Vocational School in 1951.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Ruby Colley Pogue, an original enrollee.

Chickasaw swimmers learn with Olympian

May 19, 2005 the Tennessee Memphis Thunder Aquatic Club hosted a special swim practice with 2004 USA Olympian Margaret Hoelzer, who led a backstroke clinic exclusively for the swim team. Hoelzer demonstrated backstroke techniques, signed autographs and posed for pictures with team members.

Logan and Blake Havern are the great-great-great-grandsons of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris. The boys are the grandchildren of Tim and Amanda Von Tungein Havern, of El Reno, Okla.



Blake Havern and Logan Havern listen as 2004 USA Olympian Margaret Hoelzer tells about her Olympic experience.

Madill student awarded \$25,000 scholarship



RhaShonda Keehn

A Chickasaw student has recently been awarded two special scholarships that will help pave her way to a successful college

career.

RhaShonda J. Keehn, a rising senior at Madill (OK) High School, completed an essay for the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship program. Her essay was selected as one of only nine winners nationwide. The result was a \$25,000 scholarship from Discover.

Miss Keehn was one of the Oklahoma state Discover scholarship winners who competed against recipients nationwide for one of the nine national scholarships.;

Miss Keehn also received a \$2,500 state scholarship from

Discover. The scholarships are awarded based on maintaining a minimum 2.75 grade point average; demonstrating accomplishments in special talents, leadership and community service; and overcoming a roadblock or challenge.

Miss Keehn is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Science Bowl team. She is attending the tribal Upward Bound program this summer at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.

Chickasaw selected for Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics

Aneliese L. Apala has been selected to attend the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in Oklahoma City, beginning with her junior year of high school. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending the Harrah School System.

Aneliese L. Apala is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Lemuel W. Apala, Sr., the granddaughter of Lemuel W. (Jack) and Juanita Apala, Jr., of Pawhuska, Okla., and the daughter of Robert L. and Maneepun Apala of Newalla, Okla.

Aneliese is active in school, church and other outside func-

tions. She just completed the Rotary Youth Leadership Award which is a Leadership Conference sponsored by the Rotary Clubs.

She is the sophomore class president, member of the following clubs: Chess Club, Scholars Club, National Junior Honor Society, Indian Club, and the Johnson O'Malley Title VII Funds Committee. During her sophomore year, she tutored Harrah junior high and high school students.

Aneliese is a registered member of the Chickasaw Tribe, who wants to become a member of the Governor's Honor Club.

Public Notice:

This letter is to inform the residents of the Pontotoc and Hughes County area that for safety purposes, our property is officially posted. For the next several months loggers will be working on the Kimbrough, Yoahum and McCall property. We do not want anyone to be injured. No one, without written permission will be allowed in that area. If you have official business on this property please contact Mack Kimbrough. I will give a list of all authorized persons to the county sheriff who will be enforcing this notice.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Mack Kimbrough



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turned home, he encountered some disrespectful treatment from citizens.

"It was disappointing. I've actually had on a couple of occasions had folks call me a baby killer and stuff like that," said Maj. Scribner. "They had no idea what you did in Vietnam - that you weren't out in the front lines or anything else - but when they saw the uniform and they surmised that you'd probably been to Vietnam. I've actually had that said to me. I just take it with a grain of salt."

He was quick to add, however, that many people have shown appreciation for his military service.

While he was working in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the defense logistics agency, for example, he would often ride the bus to work

dressed in his uniform.

"I'd get on the bus in my uniform and several times I had the proverbial little old ladies come up to me on the bus and say 'God bless you son, my brother Johnny was killed in the Great War,' and so on. The people were genuinely friendly. So I've had it on both extremes."

Other military assignments took Maj. Scribner and his family to Illinois, Hawaii, Korea and Germany. He said that being able to take his family along on all his assignments, with the exception of Vietnam, has been a very gratifying experience.

"We had a really good time in Korea because all the kids were teenagers," he said. "That was kind of interesting, because you were living there in another culture.

"We lived in military quarters which were to western standards, so when we were home it was like we were anywhere else. But you didn't have to walk but 50 yards outside the compound and you were buried in the city of Seoul and seeing how another culture lives and it was quite interesting."

Two of his children, Wayne and Ted, graduated high school while the family was living in Korea, while his youngest daughter, Lisa, graduated later when the family was in Germany. Sons Roger and Jeff graduated high school in the U.S.

Three months after retiring from the Army, Maj. Scribner began working for a defense contractor operating firing ranges at Fort Hood.

He is the project manager, supervising approximately 300 employees responsible for the operation of 68 ranges.

"We operate them 24 hours

a day, seven days a week and we do everything that it takes to operate and maintain them," Maj. Scribner said. "My folks operate the equipment, maintain the equipment. They run the tower computers that make the targets move. We cut the grass, he said with a chuckle. We do everything it takes to be done. Prepare the roads, whatever it takes, we do it."

In the last six years, the company has been commended twice for hiring veterans and disabled veterans.

Even though Maj. Scribner did not intend to make the military a career when he first joined the Army, he said he wouldn't change a thing.

"I certainly don't regret it. It was what I chose to do. I spent 21 years and if I had to do it all over again I'd do it the same way, probably, because I really enjoyed it."

He has this advice for those

considering joining the armed service.

"You're going to get out of it what you put into it," he said. "It's not a free ride. The military is a good place. It's a secure income. You can learn a lot.

"What you give up for that, of course, is a little bit of your individual freedom. You have to have good order and discipline and a few things like that. And a lot of kids today can't make that transition, they just won't do that. But, if you're willing to give as much as you take, it's a good place to be."

Maj. Scribner's grandmother Katie Stick was an original enrollee. She was the daughter of full-blood Chickasaw Billy Stick.

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of that."

Stationed at Baghdad International Airport for much of his five months in Iraq, Spec. Snider was on the front lines of the action.

His duties included walking patrols, searching out and disarming improvised explosive devices, destroying weapons caches, raiding houses and disarming and detaining terrorists.

"I really enjoyed it, because I was getting to do my job. I was getting to do hands on demolition," Spec. Snider said, speaking of the dangerous missions as if they were nothing out of the ordinary.

"We would raid some houses, because there were some people we had to detain in the houses," he said. "That was one of those things where you had to react to things before you could think about it."

In addition to duty on the front lines, he was also chosen to secure the Irish Eve Hotel and other locations visited by U.S. Ambassador Paul Bremer.

During his tour of service, Spec. Snider said most of the Iraqis he had contact with reacted well to U.S. presence in the region.

"There were a lot of Iraqis there who liked us and wanted us to be there, because they wanted a change," he said. "We

were helping (the Iraqis) getting schools and hospitals and getting clean water and getting the trash out of the streets.

"There were little kids playing in the sewer systems, and we were turning all that around for them."

"I think people need to be informed about what we're doing over there," Spec. Snider added. "A lot of people get bad information. What we're doing is a good thing, but a lot of people don't realize that. And the soldiers who die over there know what they're doing and most of them believe in what they're doing."

He has this advice to those considering a career in the military.

"They better think about it first, because it is a life changing experience, but for the most part it's good. It gives you discipline, and it gives you an occupation if you decide to get out.

"It's a good life. You meet all kinds of people and it opens your mind to different cultures. When I left home I was real narrow minded, but now I'm real open-minded."

Beyond that, he added, "you make lifetime friends you can count on no matter what."

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the third round landed between them.

"It kind of knocked me backwards and knocked me unconscious," Mr. Metzger said. "It knocked my friend forward. He kind of woke me up coming over there screaming and yelling - seeing if I was okay. Then that's when we kind of got up and ran to the aid station and realized we'd been hit.

"I took a lot of shrapnel in my head, some in my face, my left hand and arm, all through my chest, my legs, my knees, my feet."

After being transported to a hospital in Germany, he was transferred to a hospital in the United States where he has undergone numerous surgeries

to remove shrapnel. He is still suffering from his injuries.

"The (piece of shrapnel) in my head was causing blurred vision and bad headaches," he said. "It fractured my skull. I've still got aches and pains in my hands. After a hard day at work it kind of feels like real bad arthritis. My hands get all cramped up and kind of slow to work with. Other than that, my vision still has some blur to it."

After the incident, Sgt. Smith was transported to Baghdad, and later transferred to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington for surgery to remove a large piece of shrapnel from his knee.

"He actually got awarded his Purple Heart at Walter Reed by

President Bush. He was one of the first people to receive his Purple Heart from President Bush," said Mr. Metzger.

Steve Metzger is the son of Vicki and Steve Metzger, of Rosamond, California. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Clifton Leaper Goforth.

Mr. Metzger said he was teaching his six-year-old son as much as possible about his Chickasaw heritage.

"We got some of those Chickasaw comic books that they have. We sit down and I read those.

"I've got pictures of my great grandparents and I explain to him who they are and where he came from."

Chickasaw student awarded Discover scholarship



Chelsea Henning

A Blanchard, Okla., Chickasaw high school student has recently been awarded a scholarship sponsored by Discover Card.

Chelsea R. Henning, a junior at Dibble High School, was one of only nine students in Oklahoma to be selected for the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship. Miss Henning will receive a \$2,500 scholarship

from Discover.

Winners of this year's scholarships were selected from more than 4,500 applicants. To qualify, applicants must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average; demonstrate accomplishments in special talents, leadership and community service; and must also demonstrate successfully overcoming a roadblock or challenge.



Chickasaw graduating from Haskell



Letha Lyda

Letha Lyda is a student in the Education Program at Haskell University, Lawrence, Kansas. She was selected to participate in the NASA.NSU Preservice Teacher Conference. She stayed at the Hilton Alexandria, Virginia on February 17-19, 2005. She had the privilege to tour Washington D.C. and visit the

Smithsonian.

Letha is focused on her education and made the Dean's Honor Roll the past two years. She will be doing her student teaching next year and receive her degree in elementary education. We know she will make an excellent teacher. We are very proud of her and all that she has accomplished.

We want to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all the support and assistance they have given to her. We also would like to thank Grace Christian Fellowship of Philips, Okla., for their prayers and encouragement.

Letha is the daughter of Phyllis Lyda, of Coalgate, and the granddaughter of the late John D. and Mary (Fulsom) Lyda and the late Levi and Flora Teviss of Manderston, South Dakota.

OKC Council annual picnic set for July 16

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council has announced July 16 as the date for its annual picnic. The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe will entertain.

Chairperson Flora Fink said, "There will also be games for the children and drawings for prizes!"

The OKCMCCC takes pride in the old-fashioned picnic, where members of the council bring covered dishes. The Council will supply the entree and beverages. Invitees include Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Keel, and all Chickasaw Nation Legislators.

"It will be a festive occasion and a good opportunity for people to meet the members of the OKC council, said Mrs.

Fink.

All Chickasaws, their families and friends are invited.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. at the OKCMCCC building, 3301 E. Reno in Oklahoma City.

Please RSVP to: Flora Fink, (580) 371-3351 or Betty Smith, (405) 348-7459.

The OKCMCCC building is located at 3301 E Reno. East on I-40 to the Reno/Scott Street Exit. Take exit and keep left to first stop sign - Scott Street. Turn left (north) onto Scott Street and follow until it dead ends at Reno. Look to your left at Reno stop sign and you will see the building across the street. There is a Chickasaw sign on the outside of the building.

Salvation Army Inter-tribal center open in Oklahoma City

The Salvation Army offers services at its Inter-Tribal Native American Senior Citizen Center in Oklahoma City.

Located at 3416 South Robinson, the center invites seniors age 55 and over for breakfast on Monday mornings beginning at 10:30 a.m., and lunch Tuesday through Thursday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The center hosts an Indian Taco fundraiser every Friday at 11:30 a.m.

A variety of activities, including Indian bead work, happen during the week.

For more information, contact center director Carol Hume or coordinator Marcella Gooden Owen at (405) 636-0260.

Marshall County Chickasaw Council

First, thank you Skies Macon and all the volunteer fire department workers for the use of the fire department stalls for our silent auction.

We wish to extend an enormous thank you to the following people who organized and performed admirable in the events, At our music fest on June 4, 2005.

MUSIC-Patricia Bostick-organizer and vocal, Shawn Bostick-director and vocal, original songs, Kelly Risinger-lead guitar and vocal, Kenneth Lewis-open mike Choctaw and English gospel songs, Shann Burns- contestant duet 1st place winner, Chad Caldwell-contest duet 1st place winner,

Rudy Perez- 1st place winner, NV Lindamood-contest 2nd place, Ginger Moore-contestant 3rd place, Vernon Bearden-open mike vocal, Joe Thompson-open mike guitar and vocal.

JUDGES-Dorietta Shipley, Nell Taylor, Clair Shiply, Norma Mills, INDIAN TACOS-Neva Lewis, Angela Lewis, Billy Beshiers, Bonnie Beshiers, Letitia Smith, Marlene Ramsey, Bill Ward, Mona Ward, Ben-cotton candy and snow cones, SILENT AUCTION-Delilah Arterberry, Teresa Arterberry, N.V. Lindamood, Joyce Waggoner, Ginger Moore, Dee Ramsey, Frances Ramsey, Shannon Arnold, Joanne Eddings, Roxann Offuffitt, Dean Ward, Laveta

Connors.

And last but not least, thanks to all the wonderful, generous people who have contributed to our event, and to the communities that support our efforts also we are grateful to Banc-First, 1st United Bank, Wal-Mart, for their support. Leons Greenhouse all the Madill, Kingston and Enos's business who are always helpful to us, Weavers Grocery, Mo's Diner, Lakeside Club, Enos Mall and Rascals Eatery.

With sincere appreciation,
Sarah Lea: President
Marshall County Chickasaw Council

Former Little Miss active in pageants, modeling



Erin Brown

A former Little Miss Chickasaw and Chickasaw Junior Princess has continued her young career in pageantry and modeling.

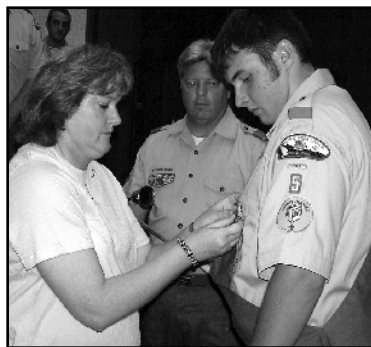
Fifteen-year-old Erin Brown, of Davis, Okla., recently completed her service as Chickasaw Junior Princess. She has since competed in the Miss Teen Oklahoma Pageant, in which she

received first place in sportswear modeling. She also completed a modeling course with Barbizon Modeling and Acting Agency.

Miss Brown has set her goal to win the Miss Universe title. She has a strong faith in God and Jesus.

She is the daughter of Tricia Brown, of Davis.

Chickasaw earns Eagle Scout



Marilyn Sands pins the Eagle Badge on her son, Johnny, during the Court of Honor ceremony where he was recognized as an Eagle Scout.

ARDMORE, Okla. - Johnny Sands, Chickasaw from Dickson, Okla., attained the rank of Eagle Scout June 5, during a Boy Scout Troop 5 Court of Honor ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Ardmore.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank awarded by Boy Scouts of America and requires comple-

tion of at least 21 merit badges and approval by a board of review composed of peers and adult leaders.

"All the things required for Eagle Scout teach you something important," said Mr. Sands. "It's hard to single out any one as being more important than the others."

Completion of a community service project is also required to earn the rank.

For his project, Mr. Sands constructed three crosses for display at Dickson/Ardmore Faith Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Sands has been a patrol leader, quartermaster, summer camp senior patrol leader and troop historian. He has completed 29 camping nights, 37.5 miles hiking and 17 service hours.

Mr. Sands earned the Arrow of Light March 23, 1998 and his

Eagle Badge Feb. 3, 2005.

He has earned merit badges in auto mechanics, camping, canoeing, citizenship in the community, nation and world, communications, emergency preparedness, environmental science, family life, fingerprinting, First Aid, forestry, home repairs, insect study, nature, personal fitness, personal management, public health, small boat sailing, swimming, weather and wilderness survival.

Mr. Sands has been involved in Scouting for 12 years, beginning in Cub Scouts. He attends Dickson High School.

He is the son of Johnny and Marilyn Sands and the grandson of Jeannean Sands. His great-grandfather, Arnold Liffie Horton, was an original enrollee.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Mrs. Fowler one of tribe's first CHRs

Chickasaw Nation honors Lillian Fowler with memorial



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, joins the late Lillian Fowler's children next to the new memorial honoring Mrs. Fowler at the Chickasaw Nation Pauls Valley Senior Site. From left are Sandy Homer, Linda Frost, Gov. Anoatubby, Trish Hays and Roger Fowler. Mrs. Fowler's children not pictured include Janie Crowhurst and the late Nelson Fowler.

Veterans Affairs



Ted Underwood speaks about the new veterans affairs program during the recent elders conference at Lake Texoma Lodge.

Theodo "Ted" Underwood has been named Chickasaw Nation Veteran Affairs Coordinator.

Mr. Underwood will be in charge of the new veteran affairs program designed to offer assistance to all veterans living within the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw citizens will be the first priority for the program directed toward offering a wide range of advice and assistance

to veterans pursuing federal benefits

No veteran will be excluded, according to Mr. Underwood.

"A veteran is a veteran and we want to do anything we can to help," he said.

For information or assistance call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. — Officials of the Chickasaw Nation, dozens of guests and many family members traveling from across the country honored the life of Lillian Fowler during a recognition ceremony June 6 at the Pauls Valley Senior Nutrition Site.

Mrs. Fowler worked for the tribe from 1969 to 1982. She was hired as one of the first Community Health Representatives (CHR) for the tribe, allowing her to be involved in setting basic standards of work and service for this position. These standards still exist today. Likewise, she was an advocate for elders and promoted the need for Chickasaw Nation Senior

Sites.

"It was a very commemorative and wonderful event honoring our loving mother and recognizing the hard work that CHRs do daily," Mrs. Fowler's daughter, Trish Hays, said. "CHR's are often the unsung heroes."

Mrs. Fowler was married to Nicholas Bit Fowler, and to this marriage came four daughters and two sons. For years Mrs. Fowler lived in Ardmore, and upon her mother's death she moved to Pauls Valley.

She was taken from her family and friends on January 31, 2004, after battling heart disease and diabetes.

To honor her contributions to the Chickasaw Nation, a

Chickasaw Foundation scholarship has been established in her name and a permanent marker honoring her achievements was placed at the senior site in Pauls Valley.

During the ceremony, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby reiterated the thoughts engraved on Mrs. Fowler's memorial marker. "As one of the tribe's first Community Health Representatives, she was a tender, compassionate caregiver whose sterling example still serves as an inspiration to all those who follow in her footsteps," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is greatly missed."

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McCage receives master's degree



Shon McCage

exercise, overseeing the tribe's annual Diabetes Leadership Camp and working with funded grants.

One reason Mrs. McCage chose to pursue a master's degree was "to broaden the scope of job duties that I could perform," she said

"Shon has persevered and worked very hard and we are all very proud of her," said Bobby Saunkeah, RN, Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Program Manager.

Mrs. McCage resides in Ada with her husband Chad and two-year-old son Riley. The couple is expecting their second child later this year.

Mrs. McCage said she would not have been able to continue her education if it weren't for the financial assistance the tribe provided through grants and the continuing education program. For this she is very thankful.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Words

July—Palli Hashi

Fireworks—nantokahli

Red—homma

White—tohbi

Blue—okchamali

Night—oklhili

Pretty—chukmasi

Star—fochik

Flag—shupha

Watermelon—isstokchuk

Eat (a meal) impa

Eat (something) apa

Drink—ishko

Water—oka

Full after eating—kaiya

Fried Chicken—Akanka

awaalhahli

You must come back again!

Ishla shki anowa!

Nantokahli ut chukmasi

The fireworks are pretty.

Fochik ut shokmalla'li
The star is shining.

isstokchuk apa chi banna?
Do you want to eat
watermelon?

Akanka awaalhahli apala chi.
I'm gonna eat fried chicken.
Iilimpa!
Let's eat!

Oka ishko chi banna?
Do you want a drink of water?

Sa kaiya.
I'm full.

Shupha ut homma, tohbi micha
okchamali.
The flag is red, white and blue.



Chickasaw elder Sophia Perry relates early years at Bloomfield

**Submitted by
Robert Perry for the
Council of Elders**

Council of Elders (COE) met May 19 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur.

The invited speaker was Sophia Perry, guest of Bob Perry. Sophia is 92 years old and talked about family contributions to the tribe. Before age ten she lived in St. Louis and knew nothing about Indians. After Dad died, mother Sophia Reeder became matron at Bloomfield Seminary in Ardmore. The four children were housed separately on campus, until the only boy (7-years) was no longer welcome at a girl's school. He and the oldest sister were sent to Chilocco. Sophia was called "Nahola" (white girl) by Bloomfield girls until her Uncle US Congressman Charles D. Carter visited Bloomfield and spoke in Chickasaw language. Then, she was proud to be Indian and no longer "Nahola." A decade later Sophia spent the summer at Chilocco with her mother, then a matron. She met and married Johnson Perry, full-blood Chickasaw and Chilocco graduate. They raised four boys. After the war, they moved to Ada and never left...for long. They were active in the Indian Baptist Church. Today, still active, Sophia is in line dancing and aerobics three times a week and wouldn't let the Chickasaw van or bus leave without her. Thursdays, she volunteers at the Carl Albert Gift Shop and ended with, "I sew (traditional) dresses and shirts. I have a shirt order to do now." When asked how she got started in sewing, it began in the Bloomfield domestic science classes. In a huge room filled with sewing machines, students were given a big piece of material. A thread was pulled to get the cloth straight, and then the hem was sewn. You did over again until it was done right. Sophia received a standing ovation.

Mr. Kirk Perry is sharing Chickasaw history that passes daily through the Division of Heritage Preservation. This month, he brought: (1) Introduction from *The Indian Slave Trade* by Alan Galloway and (2) Excerpts of Sophia Perry's writ-

ings from *Chickasaw Writers* (a writer's workshop) edited by Linda Hogan. What's interesting about (1) is that Charles Town had less than 100 people that influenced all of Southeast USA. The Chickasaws moved nearby, but why did the Chickasaws allow Charles Town to exist? Bob Perry who has read this book (1) and plans a book review was asked for comments. Some COE members are members of the Chickasaw Language Committee. Ms. Beck has said that to resolve the controversy over the differences in dialects across the nation, whatever is spoken by Chickasaws will be accepted; e.g. no printed version will be the best. Kirk Perry asked the language committee for a Chickasaw translation of '48' (Amazing Grace) for use by Chickasaws; it will be put to music. Likewise, the Language Committee needs to state their choice as the language reference; probably Mrs. Hume's dictionary, but with Choctaw words replaced with Chickasaw. Language Committee can target the Choctaw words and a grant obtained to do the work. This discussion would be carried to the Language Committee.

GAMES: COE members were asked to bring games they used to play. Jesse Sandefur told about playing house with jar lids for plates, flowers for a table, and corncocks for people with grass or hay for hair. They would tell stories for these "people;" her brothers pretended to be farmers with fences of sticks and seeds and horses and cows of peach seeds. Sophia Perry's doll was a potato with match stick arms and legs. Flora Perry brought a corncob doll, wrapped in gingham cloth and a head made of a big cotton ball wrapped in white cloth. Instead of peach seeds, her hogs were empty locust shells. Lorene Greenwood brought stilts with leather straps to hold your foot. Marie Beck's family cut saplings, notched for the feet. Marie played twine games to make the cup and saucer and Jacob's ladder. Twine was hard to get and used until it was like leather. They had no electricity, so a child had two tries and then pass the string. They also put paper over a comb to

make a mouth harp. Cans make good stilts, but Mother didn't buy canned goods. Toy cars were shaped from red clay with wooden spools for wheels. Red clay dishes were given crimped edges. O.C. Bershirs brought a hoop and stick. Floyd Shipman played marbles, always carried in pants pockets; so many, he couldn't run. The big game was "spike the top." When Marie couldn't remember how to use the twine, Floyd made the Jacob's ladder and cautioned that a certain string is pulled to unloosen or it makes a knot.

Actions: Jesse Sandefur asked if there was a pledge to the Chickasaw flag in Chickasaw. Others recalled one in the past

and that Yvonne did a pledge to the US flag; we will try to locate these. Ms. Beck will tell her rabbit story in Chickasaw for multi-media when the film day is scheduled in June. COE has started a list of Churches in the Chickasaw Nation that sing or preach in Chickasaw or Choctaw language, with meeting times and directions. One list is already on the Chickasaw internet website. We will add to the list and publish in the *Chickasaw Times*.

Announcements: Chickasaw Historical Society plans to dedicate a marker for the 1903 Chickasaw-Choctaw stickball game. It will on the entrance road to the old Busby Ranch

east of Ada at a date to be set. The first ever Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy will be June 13 - 24. Mike Larsen is painting Chickasaw Elders and ones completed will be shown in Ada on a date to be decided.

Next COE Meeting: 10 AM June 16th, Chickasaw Motor Lodge, Sulphur. Responding to Kirk Perry's challenge to Elders, "How can we help other Chickasaw People? What can we do? Bring it up!" three Chickasaw Legislators were invited to the next meeting to tell what they do.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the Chickasaw Nation Health System on August 15th – 19th, 2005.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality, safety-of-care issues, and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

**Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**

**Or
Faxed to 630/792-5636**

**Or
E-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org**

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to the survey, indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.

Date Posted: July 11, 2005

Amy Merrill

Amy Merrill is a 2005 graduate of Del Valle High School, Austin, Texas. She is the daughter of Byron and Lisa Merrill. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Essie Merrill and the great-granddaughter of Zell Woods Stone.

Amy was active in marching band and concert band. Her hobbies include horseback riding, playing the flute, the keyboard, the baritone saxophone and the clarinet.

She plans to become a veterinarian technician specializing in the care of exotic animals.



Bethany Ditzler

Bethany Ditzler is a 2005 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. She is the daughter of Terza and David Mason, Moore and Barry and June Ditzler, Decatur, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Stephen and Mary Hayes, Lindsey, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of the late Ruby Pogue, original enrollee. She is 1/16 Chickasaw.

Throughout high school Bethany played the flute in the Moore marching band. She competed state wide and always placed in the top 4 bands in Class 4-6A. During those three years, she competed on a national level and placed 10th overall in the nation.

She plans to move to Alabama to attend Calhoun College and University of North Alabama to earn her teaching degree in elementary education.



Susan Lewis

Susan Pualani Lewis is a 2005 graduate of Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville, Calif. She is the daughter of Loren J. and Killy M. Lewis, Salinas, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Lucina Donios, Joyce A. Lewis and Cubby Edmon Lewis.

Susan is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, named to the National Honor Roll and since the sixth grade participated in 4-H (Royal Oaks 4-H, Prunedale) raising pigs for the local fairs, on the

high school varsity swim team and belongs to the local swim team, Salinas Valley Aquatics. She has traveled abroad to Japan, Germany and Austria.

Susan will attend Chaminade University of Honolulu on the island of Oahu, studying forensic science and psychology.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, dad and Robin



Derek Clark

Derek Christopher Clark is a 2005 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Drs. Chris and Elizabeth Clark. He is the grandson of Harwood and Ida Suggs and James C. and Joyce Clark.

As a senior, he was a semi-finalist in the Lincoln Essay Contest and the Gates Millennium Scholarship. He was awarded the Austin D. McKay Memorial Scholarship, the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Scholarship and the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship. As a freshman, his essay "Declaration of Energy Independence" on conservation was awarded a top 40 finish scholarship in the Oklahoma Energy Resources 2002 Petroleum Challenge. He was listed in *"Who's Who Among American High School Students"*, and Outstanding Students in

American all four years of high school. He is a 2005 Oklahoma Academic Scholar, named 2004 Outstanding Trigonometry Student at Norman High, and was honored being named the 2004 Chickasaw Nation Male Junior Student of the Year. He volunteered at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Oklahoma City, the Salvation Army at Christmas, and helped with the mentally challenged and tutored physics at Norman High School. He played on the Norman football team his freshman and sophomore years and the Norman High tennis team his junior year. He was named National Honor Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (national math society), Young Life and Mighty Men (Christian organization).

He has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma, Norman, where he has been granted the Oklahoma Honor Scholar Award Scholarship, and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, where he has been granted the Oklahoma State Excellence Scholarship. His major is pre-dentistry.



Katherine Henson

Katherine Hollie Henson is a 2005 graduate of Plainview High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Dinah and Michael Henson. She is the granddaughter of Mary Taylor and the late Woodrow Taylor, Thelma and Wesley Kirby, Jr., and the late Arthur Edward Henson.

Hollie has attended Plainview School all her life. She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and was a member of the Pickens District Youth Council for 3 years. She is also a current member of the National Technical Honor Society. Honors received include: National Technical Honor Society, South Central American Indian Chamber of Commerce, JOM Student Representative for Plainview High School, Chickasaw Nation Governors Honor Roll for four years and Principals Honor Roll for four years. Certifications received include: Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA), Home Health Aide Certified, Medical Administration Technician (MAT), Adult Day Care Aide Certification, Residential/Assisted Living Care Certified, Health Care Providers (CPR), Heartsaver First Aid (AED), Restorative Care Aide, Registered Medical Assistant (RMA), Registered Phlebotomist (RPBT), Registered Medical Assistant (RMA), Registered Phlebotomist (RPBT) and National Technical Honor Society at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center SOTC.

Hollie is currently working for Griffin Funeral Home through the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Summer Youth Program. This fall Hollie plans to take her basic courses at Ardmore Higher Education Center once she has completed her basics she plans to transfer to University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and receive her Bachelor Degree in Funeral Science.

We are very proud of our "Beanier"! Way to go Little Sis/Auntie Hogleg!! We love you!!! Big Sis, Randy, Teenie, HaeHae and Mikey

Mom and Dad





Johnny Sands

Johnny Ray Sands, II, is a 2005 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Marilyn and Johnny Sands. He is the grandson of Lorene Alford and Jeannean Sands.

Johnny was active in band, webmasters, FCA and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

He plans to attend college.

Laura Bourguet

Laura Bourguet is a 2005 graduate of Jurupa Valley High School, Mira Loma, Calif.

She is the daughter of Rolanda Cavasos and Victor de Groote and Alfred Bourguet.

She is the granddaughter of J.J. and Lou Drescher, William Cavasos and Napoleon and Amalia Bourguet.

Laura has done well throughout school and lettered in academics with a 3.5 GPA. She always sets high goals for herself and achieves them. She makes her entire family proud of what a special young woman she has become, especially her mom!

She plans to attend Riverside Community College in the fall and is considering a career in pediatrics.



Robert Davis

Robert Tyler Davis is a 2005 graduate of Barnwell High School, Barnwell, S.C. He is the son of Ronnie and Jan Davis. He is the grandson of Mary Williamson Davis and the great-great-great-great-grandson of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris.

Tyler participated in baseball. He is a member of the Beta Club, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, a member of FCA, teacher cadet and mentor.

He will attend Erskine College, Due West, S.C., on a baseball scholarship.



**THANK YOU FOR THE
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SUBMISSIONS.**

2005 College Graduates

Ronald Davis

Ronald Parnell Davis, Jr., is a 2005 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology.

He is the son of Ronnie and Jan Davis. He is the grandson of Mary Williamson Davis and the great-great-great-great-grandson of Chickasaw Governor Cyrus Harris.

Ronald was a two-year letterman in varsity baseball, playing third base. He enjoys writing, reading and spending time with his daughter, Hailey Morgan Davis.



Jowahn Poteat

Jowahn D. Poteat is a 2005 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He majored in criminology and African American studies. He graduated May 14, 2005. He is the son of Darnell and Cassandra Poteat. He is the grandson of James and Martha Poteat and the great-grandson of Florence McGee, Chickasaw descendent.

He is a 2001 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. Jowahn is a member of the Sooner football team and has been on the honor roll while attending OU. This fall he will play football and continue his education for his master's degree. He recently was guest speaker at the Johnson O'Malley Banquet at Ardmore.



Julie Russell

Julie Norvill Russell is a 2005 graduate of Oklahoma State University School of Engineering, Stillwater.

She received her degree in civil engineering.

Julie is the daughter of Darla Porter, Ada, Okla., and Greg Norvill, Oklahoma City.

She is the granddaughter of Joe Kent and Jean Abbott. Her great-grandfather Barny Abbott Sr., was an original enrollee.

Julie is employed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as a civil engineer.



Arts Academy students enjoy 'Journey Through the Arts'

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy students hosted a grand finale June 24 which included a reception, gallery walk and performances at the Dorothy Summers Theater at East Central University.

This event marked the culmination of two weeks of intense training and instruction during the academy themed "A Journey Through the Arts - A Chickasaw Celebration."

Vocal music students performed an original song by J.L. Stillwell and the Crimson String Quartet performed a composition written by students under the direction of Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate.

"The kids are very cool," said Mr. Tate. "The administrators here are phenomenal. They've pulled this together so well that I feel like I've just come into this very luxurious couch that I can sit in and enjoy what I'm doing."

That alone speaks volumes for who is running this."

"Spirit Dancers," directed by Cara Crawford, choreographer and owner of Central Dance Studio, presented a special dance recital, while playwright and ECU professor Bret Jones directed a short play by the "Dramateers."

Operated by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the academy, with the theme "A Journey Through the Arts - A Chickasaw Celebration" offered formal training in visual arts, drama, dance, literary arts and music.

Students, 10 through 19 years of age, focused on the two component areas of their choice and experienced intensive, detailed and culturally sensitive instruction during the action packed two-week academy.

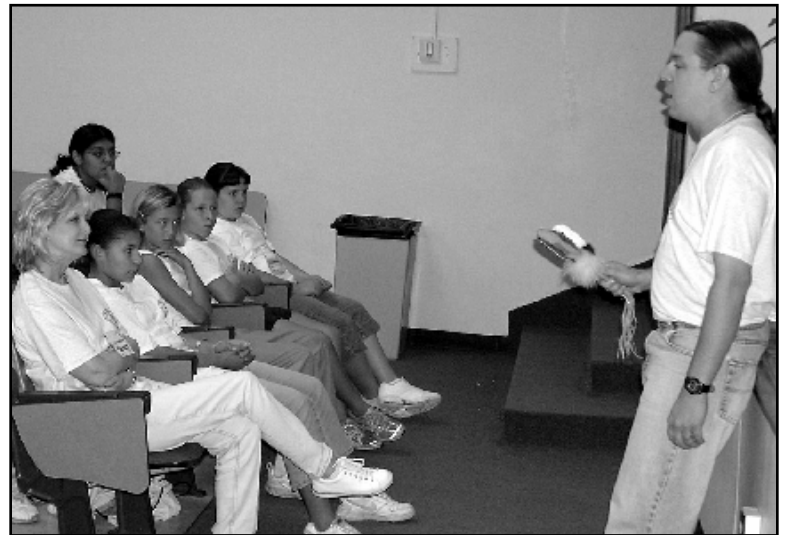
Prior to the academy, 15-year-old Courtney Parchcorn said, "I

would like to attend the academy because it would help me in the future. Besides enhancing my cultural knowledge, the academy will help me with my music, dancing and writing." Courtney plans on attending the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico in the future.

"I would like to take more classes that will teach me more about dance, music and art," Lindsay Fondren said. Lindsay is an 11-year-old fifth grader at Sulphur Intermediate School. "I get to use my imagination and I have fun."

"The academy offers each student a unique opportunity for artistic self-expression," Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, said. "Students gain valuable experience that will prepare them to meet the challenges ahead."

Additional academy instruc-



Composer Jerod Tate performs a traditional song for students at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

tors include Trina Jones and Kelly Reed, visual arts education instructors and Kelley Isom, literary arts coordinator.

Artistic staff, under the direction of administrator Lona Barrick, are supported by tribal arts and humanities staff members

Julie Ray, Laura Morrison, Lorie Robins, Steve Jacob, Joanna Underwood, Rachel Westmoreland and Melanie Barnett.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion, June 23 - 26, 2005



Participants learning to bead at the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion.



Visitors had the opportunity to make mini ball sticks.



Wayne Walker making a traditional bow.



Blow gun activity was a popular event at the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion.



Randy Shackelford makes ball sticks.



Visitors take time to view Jerry Underwood's table at the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion.

Chickasaw Nation summer camp teaches kids about healthy choices

Learning life lessons at Camp Survivor

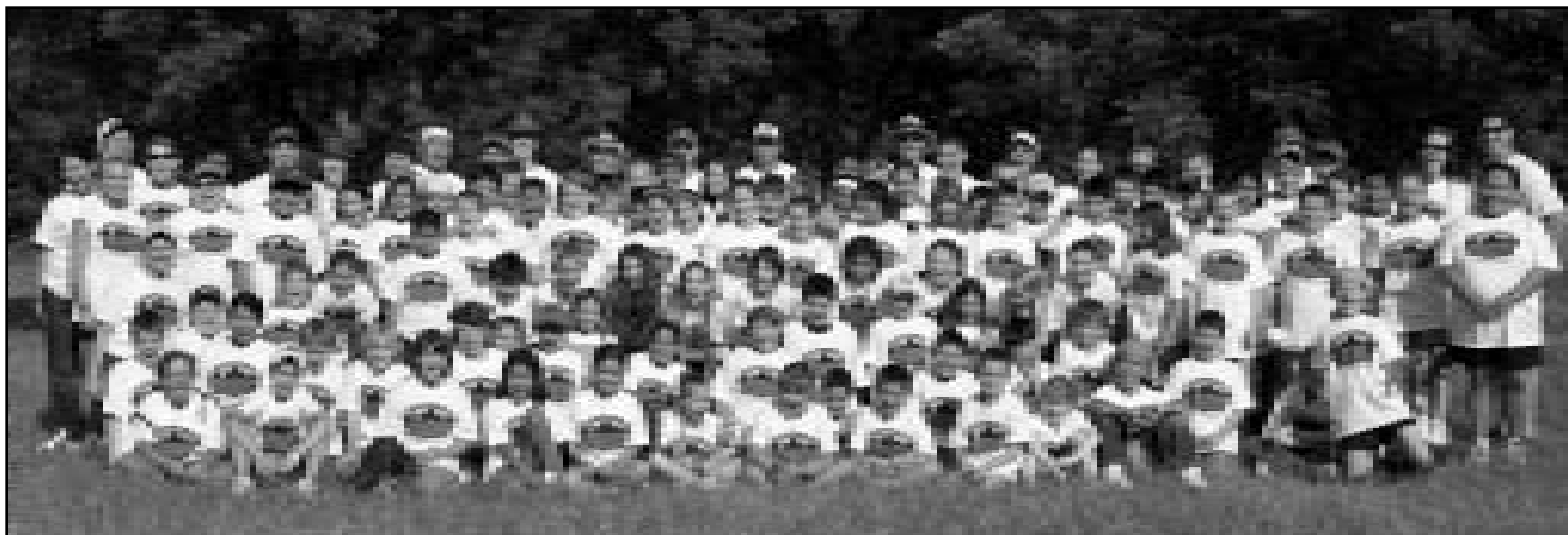
CAMP CLASSEN, Okla. — Over 100 youngsters from communities across the Chickasaw Nation now have the information to make healthier decisions thanks to Camp Survivor.

Native American kids ages nine to 13 were eligible to attend the second annual camp.

While attending camp, students were educated on proper nutrition, ways to exercise and various other tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The goal was for kids to lead a healthier way of life so they might avoid threatening diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

"Camp Survivor is an example of the tribe's effort to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Teaching children how to make smart, healthy decisions is important to their future."

Campers were divided into 10 teams, each named after colors in the Chickasaw language. The teams competed in various activities including wall climbing, archery and nutritional challenges. The competitions focused on nutrition, team-building, athleticism, cultural



Camp Survivor campers and counselors during the recent camp. The camp was conducted in May at Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.

activities, as well as creative and artistic ability.

The overall team winner was Team Okchamali Bika.

The camp's mission is "to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere."

One of the goals of the camp was to get youngsters moving and to teach them about nutrition, Allen Elliott, camp committee member said. "It's about making better choices both nutritionally and physically."

One counselor wore a pedometer during the camp and at the end of the five-day camp he had walked over 50 miles.

At the conclusion of camp, the kids were asked, what the most important thing was they learned at camp. Some of the responses included: "Why you should not eat sugar," "How to keep ourselves healthy," "How to work together," "To try new things," "Teamwork," "Friendship," "Nutrition," and "The colors of fruits and vegetables."

While at the camp, students

had the opportunity to participate in a morning devotional. Following the camp, some children walked away with these responses: "I learned to treat others the way I want to be treated," "I learned about patience" and "I learned about manners."

"It is hard to believe that in three days, the camp can have such an impact on these kids," camp committee member Roxanna Newsom said.

Counselors have heard several success stories since the camp.

Newsom said one camper joined the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center and now exercises each morning beginning at 6:45.

Camp Survivor is one of numerous summer camps hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. The camp was sponsored by the health system and youth and family services divisions.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

National Night Out slated for August 2

Tribe to co-host crime awareness celebration

ADA, Okla. - Firemen, law enforcement officers, emergency medical service personnel and search and rescue teams will come together in Ada Tuesday, Aug. 2 to celebrate the 22nd Annual National Night Out (NNO). All Ada-area residents are invited to participate in the evening dedicated to stopping crime.

Co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University, participants are gearing up for the event designed to heighten awareness of crime, violence and drug prevention; generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts; and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

This year's event will be Aug. 2 from 6-9 p.m. at East Central University. Guest speakers, activities, entertainment, refreshments and information booths will be located on ECU's Administration lawn, along Francis Street.

"We invite residents throughout the area to spend the evening with neighbors, law enforcement officials, firefighters and emergency medical services as we enjoy the celebrations and take a stand against crime," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The evening will feature appearances by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police, the Chickasaw Nation search and rescue team, ECU police, the Ada Fire Department and many others.

"It is great to get to meet the people we turn to for help in times of trouble," said Dr. Bill Cole, president of ECU. "We want them to know we appreciate them and support their work to stop crime in our communities."

The festivities will include a drunk driving obstacle course, a dunk tank, refreshments, hot dogs, popcorn and much more.

The celebration will be one

of the largest community observations in Oklahoma. Last year, Ada's NNO event was the national award winner for outstanding participation in the crime, drug and violence prevention program in its respective population category.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) some 20 years ago.

In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Matt Peskin felt a high-profile, high-impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. He proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations.

Thus, the first NNO was introduced with events culminating on the first Tuesday of August.

For more information about NNO, call Shawna Jackson at (580) 310-6620.

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Kayla Holt, front, and Brianna Beaver work together in a canoe during Camp Survivor.

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Gilbert, Bumpus receive Indian Health Service Awards



Lisa Bumpus, RN, MPH, CNHS Director of Utilization Management and Gerald M. Gilbert, MD, CNHS Chief of the Family Practice Center will both receive Indian Health Service awards July 28.

The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service honors health care workers for Indian Health Service, tribes and urban clinics who have made outstanding contributions in their fields of work. These awards represent the highest caliber of devoted employees that deserve recognition for their dedication and hard work.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) is honored to have two of its valued employees recognized for their contribution to their patients. This year's winners include Gerald M. Gilbert, MD, Chief of the Family Practice Center, and Lisa Bumpus, RN, MPH, Director of Utilization Management.

An awards ceremony recognizing these individuals will be conducted in Midwest City, Okla., July 28.

The Merit Award recognizes individuals for significant, substantive and measurable contri-

butions to their particular tribe.

Gerald M. Gilbert, MD, was hired in September 1996. At that time, the tribe envisioned a true family practice appointment-based clinic where the physician would act as a primary care provider for his patient panel. Appointment-based clinics and primary care providers with a patient panel were an uncommon phenomenon in Indian country.

Dr. Gilbert came to CNHS from a large family practice clinic in Bethany, Okla., which was established by his father, Dr. Leon Gilbert. Using lessons learned from his father's clinic, Dr. Gilbert formulated a plan to bring the family practice clinic model to Indian health.

"Dr. Gilbert has been the key individual who made the family practice model such a wonderful success," said tribal

health division administrator Bill Lance. "Our patients and staff will be forever thankful to Dr. Gilbert for his diligent hard work and commitment to quality care. I can't think of a more deserving person."

Likewise, the Exceptional Group Performance Award recognizes a group of employees for outstanding achievement in a particular effort as demonstrated by contribution to the mission, goals, objectives and other significant activities of Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Services, including tribal and urban facilities.

Performance must be sustained at an exceptionally high

level, be expected to continue in the future and must be recognized by both customers and superiors as exceptionally high.

Lisa Bumpus, RN, MPH, CNHS Director of Utilization Management, served as a member on this team. Ms. Bumpus has been employed with CNHS for two years. In this short time, she has made tremendous contributions to risk management, case management and inpatient utilization programs. She has reorganized the utilization management department with more emphasis on improved utilization of resources through process reengineering.

In addition, she introduced

GPRA to the organization to include reporting to the Oklahoma City Indian Health Service Area Office. GPRA is a federal accountability requirement that mandates an audit trail from appropriate dollars to activities and ultimately to customer benefits or outcomes consistent with an organization's mission.

"Lisa Bumpus has been the cornerstone on all of our major quality initiatives," Lance said. "Managing data and translating that data to improve patient care is a difficult and challenging job. Lisa excels in this environment," he said.

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Camp Survivor



The Camp Survivor employee division challenge was May 23 at Camp Classen 89er Village in Davis, Okla. Nine teams entered the competition. The teams were split into three heats of three teams each, with the fastest team taking the trophy for its division. Through the veggies and fruits, the flying arrows and tipped canoes, one team emerged the champion, Health System Team No. 1. Members of the winning team included: Bill Lance, Division Administrator; Norman Bradsher, Tishomingo Clinic; Burgess Navarro, Ada Wellness; Randy Wade, Nutrition Services; Leslie Shores, Ada Wellness; Sommer Wall, Nutrition Services; Allen Elliott, Tribal Health; Stephen Shelton, CAIHF Pediatrics; Ron Westervelt, Durant Clinic; Neva Harjochee, Nutrition Services; Robin McCann, Ada Wellness and Allison Scott, Nutrition Services.

Babysitters College



Chickasaw Nation EMT LaJeana Huneycutt demonstrates what to do if an infant is choking. The Heimlich maneuver and CPR are just a few of the topics the 14 students studied at the annual Ada area Babysitters College. If you are in need of a babysitter, call the tribe's behavioral health department for a referral list of Babysitter College graduates.

Youth and Family Division team member Stacie Carroll tries her best at the "Oink, Oink" challenge during the Camp Survivor employee division competition. In this challenge, team members searched for flags in the muddy water.



Chickasaw golfers qualify for national tournament

ARDMORE, Okla. - Ten individuals qualified for the National Native American Junior Golf Championship after participating in the Native American Junior Open conducted in May at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

The local event was open to Native American students, ages eight to 18. The top five Chickasaw participants and the top five Choctaw participants qualified for participation in the National Native American Junior Golf Championships in Lakeside, Calif.

The top five participants on Team Chickasaw included: Bryeson Lance, Sulphur; Chris Campbell, Davis; Josh Battiste, Ardmore; Kendall Lance, Sulphur; Ryan Woerz, Ardmore; and the alternate is Jared Wingo, Sulphur.

The top five participants on Team Choctaw were: Ryan Miller, Velma; Drew Redwine,



Chris Campbell watches his drive during the Native American Junior Open in Ardmore.

Kingfisher; Chase Pletcher, Ardmore; Kirk Bradley, Sulphur; Cody Blaine, Durant; and the alternate is Zack Armstrong, Atoka.

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Indian Star signing



Authors Bill and Cindy Paul present a copy of Shadow of an Indian Star to Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel during a June 24 book signing at the Chickasaw Nation Library. Advance copies of the book are available at the Chickasaw Outpost in Ada or by calling (580) 332-1458. The authors encourage readers to offer feedback about the book at their website www.shadowofanindianstar.com

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Five art students win honors at Red Earth



Five Chickasaw Nation After School Arts Program Students received honors in the recent Red Earth Native American Youth Art Competition. From left, Quannah Lindsey, Micah Hart, Shelby Clifton, Courtney Parchcorn and Katie Goodnight.

Five students in the Chickasaw Nation's After School Arts Program recently received honors for a variety of artwork entered in the nationwide competition.

Courtney Parchcorn took first place honors in the 13-15 year-old division.

She won for a beaded bracelet patterned after ones made

by her father.

"I actually asked my dad if I could make a bracelet," she said. I just looked at all his designs and I just picked out different patterns for it."

Katie Goodnight earned third place in the 9-12 year-old division for an untitled abstract painting.

Micah Hart and Shelby Clif-

ton each earned honorable mention in the 9-12 year-old division for their masks

Quannah Lindsey earned honorable mention in the 9-12 year-old division for his painting.

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Chickasaw Foundation to honor scholarship recipients July 26

Officials of the Chickasaw Foundation will honor scholarship recipients and donors at the fifth annual scholarship reception July 26 at 6 p.m. at the Pontotoc Technology Center.†

Winners of the following Chickasaw Foundation scholarships will be announced during the reception: Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship, Computercraft Corporation Scholarship, Ann Eubank Health Scholarship, Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship, Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship, Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship, Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton, Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarships, Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship, Chickasaw

Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship, Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship, Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship, Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarships, Lillian

Fowler Memorial Scholarship, Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship and the Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship.

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Chickasaw Nation rep to be in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha July 18 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To learn more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs, visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls

Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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Chilocco Reunion brings together alumni of all ages

OKLAHOMA CITY - More than 200 Chilocco alumni of all ages gathered for a school reunion June 2-6 at the Clarion Motel in Oklahoma City, according to Fred Underwood, Chickasaw and Chilocco National Alumni Association historian.

Students from many of the classes since 1928 through the closing of the school in 1980 were in attendance.

Juanita Tate, Chickasaw from Ardmore, Okla., represented the class of 1928. At 95, she is the oldest living alumnus of the school.

"When I went there I thought it was one of the most fascinating places I'd ever been - one of the most beautiful," said Mrs. Tate. "Everything just fascinated me. It seemed to be so well-rounded I had forgotten all the loneliness from being away from home."

Mrs. Tate said the school provided an excellent educational experience.

"Looking back over the years, I can see that we took all the subjects that were normally taken by all high school students in those days. The well-rounded education and the well-rounded life we had as I think back is one of the best things that could happen to anybody."

Beyond that, she added that the association with people from other tribes was an education in itself.

Mrs. Tate still stays in contact with a classmate she became fast friends with while at the school.

"One of the big things in my life there was the library. There were two summers when we didn't come home. We just stayed there, winter and summer. And that is where I met one of my best friends for life," she

said, speaking of Dorothea Keokuk, a great-granddaughter of the Sac and Fox Chief Keokuk.

"When we went to the library, Dorothea and I became so well acquainted that we remained friends for life. She and I are the only remaining members of our class at this point," Mrs. Tate said. "She didn't come to the reunion. She lives in Mission Viejo, California. Last spring, however, my grandson accompanied me out there and we got to visit."

Many students at the school built close relationships, according to James Edwards, Chickasaw and president of the Chilocco Association. He said that the reunion is almost like a family reunion.

"Everybody knew each other and we almost became like brothers and sisters, because we were so close," said Mr. Edwards. "We lived together.



Juanita Tate and daughter Anne Boland peruse the memorabilia at the recent Chilocco reunion.

Groups work to include Chilocco on National Register of Historic Places

Opened in 1884 on more than 8,600 acres donated by the Cherokee Nation, Chilocco Indian School served thousands of Indian students from across the U.S. before it was finally shuttered almost 100 years later.

Now the Chilocco Confederated Tribes Council is working with Preservation Oklahoma and school alumni to have the school listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The tribes really just want help getting something done and need creative ideas," said Bret Carter, in an article posted on Preservation Online. Carter drafted a plan to photograph and document the limestone structures of Chilocco for a National Register nomination. "The council doesn't necessarily want to sell the school," Carter continued, but it is considering "anything that preserves history of the buildings, reuses the buildings, and benefits the five tribes."

Preservation Oklahoma named Chilocco one of the state's most endangered historic places this year and last year.

Founded to teach agricultural and vocational skills, the facility started operations in one four-story building.

Eventually, more than 100 buildings, including dormitories, a dining hall, employee cottages, vocational shop buildings, barns, a hospital and more dotted the campus.

Trades taught at the school included horseshoeing, blacksmithing, shoe repair, printing, auto mechanics, cooking, electrician, welding and more.

Since closing in 1980, the school has fallen into disrepair and members of the Chilocco National Alumni Association are working to preserve as much school history as possible.

Much of the school memorabilia has been donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society, including original school annuals from 1927 through 1980.

Subjects of hundreds of photographs identified and catalogued at the recent reunion are being added to that collection.

Alumni of the school are also working with Preservation Oklahoma to have the school listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fred Underwood, who attended from 1943 through 1948, said his education at Chilocco served him well through the years.

"I feel like I received a really good education there," said Mr.

Underwood, who said the English classes prepared him well for a career which included making numerous written reports.

Beyond the fact that the school provided a well rounded education and vocational training, alumni offer many other reasons the school should be listed on the register.

"Chilocco is the only high school I know of that produced two Congressional Medal of Honor winners," said 95-year-old Juanita Tate, the oldest living alumnus of the school.

Ernest Childers and Jack Montgomery, both Chilocco alumni from Oklahoma were awarded the nation's highest military award for service in World War II.

Mrs. Tate added that many other Chilocco students went on to become nationally known in a variety of fields.

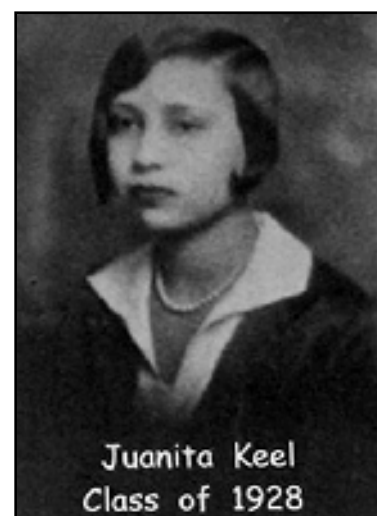
"To me, it was the outstanding Indian educational school in the United States," said Mrs. Tate. "I see no reason why it should not have been put on the national register a long time ago."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

We ate together. We played together and went to school together. It was very close knit like a family.

"That's the way we felt about the school and we still feel that way about each other. When we come to the reunion we renew all the old acquaintances. We love to talk about school and reminisce about the days we went to school there. There are a lot of things to reminisce about, because of all the activities and things we did and got into trouble with," he added with a chuckle.

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Juanita Tate as she appeared in 1928 Chilocco annual.

Students, employees at rest there Chilocco Cemetery restoration

Efforts are under way to restore a small cemetery on the campus of Chilocco School, where up to 75 former students, employees and others are buried. Most of those have only a small stone with no engraving to mark the location.

"Only one of those graves is properly marked," said former Chilocco Alumni Association President James Edwards.

Through the years, dozens of students and others died of various causes while at the school.

Often, family members of the deceased could not afford to bring their loved one home for a proper burial.

Today, that small cemetery is overgrown with grass and weeds, making it difficult to ac-

curately determine the number of graves on the site.

The Alumni Association is in the process of updating the cemetery with a new fence, grave markers, and a memorial monument at the entrance to the Chilocco campus.

For information or to make a contribution, call James Edwards, former president Chilocco National Alumni Association 918-742-1549, or mail:

Lou Ellen Henson, Treasurer
1001 South Front Street
Catoosa, OK 74015-5335

Please mark your contribution "Cemetery Fund."

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‘Its About Money’

Veterans Affairs offers direct home loans for Native Americans**J.D. Colbert****By J.D. COLBERT**

The Native American Veteran Direct Home Loan program is a housing loan program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Unlike the more widely known VA guar-

anteed loan which is offered by most banks and mortgage companies, the Native American Direct loan can only be obtained directly from the VA. This loan can be used by eligible Native American veterans to purchase, construct or improve a home located on trust land. Presumably, here in Oklahoma, that would also include allotted or restricted land.

The Native American Direct loan generally has a ceiling of \$80,000. The applicant must be an eligible Native American veteran whose tribe has an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the tribe and the VA. The veteran must occupy

the home as his or her primary residence and the veteran must be considered a satisfactory credit risk.

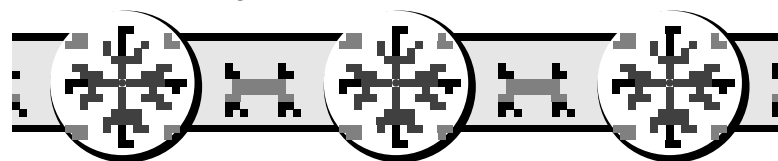
So far, so good. However, despite the great need for housing among Native American veterans, the VA has actually made very few of these loans. From the time that this program was created in 1992 up through fiscal year 2003, the VA has only made a total of about 400 of these loans, or an average of only 40 loans per year. Furthermore, only about 20% of these loans have been made to Native American veterans with the other 80% going to Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

veterans.

I think one big reason that there haven't been more loans made is our Native American veterans simply aren't aware of the existence of the Native American Direct loan program. For more information on this program, you may contact the Oklahoma VA office in Muscogee, OK at 918-687-2158 or you may contact the national director of the program, Mr. Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service in Washington, DC at

202-273-7331.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$70 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

**The Arkansas Riverbed Case, Part III****By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer**

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1969 that the Chickasaws, Choctaws and Cherokees owned a ninety-mile stretch of the Arkansas riverbed, but did the tribes have the right to dispose of this asset?

During the fiscal year 1973-75, Congress had appropriated a total of about \$2 million to the Interior Department for the survey and appraisal of the Arkansas riverbed lands. The report, prepared by five independent contractors selected by the Interior Department, was completed in February 1976. According to the report, the total value of the 90 mile stretch of riverbed lands was \$177 million. Of the total, \$99.5 million was said to be the value of electrical generation from plants at the Webbers Falls and Robert S. Kerr lock and dam areas. The rest of the value was based on land, \$6.8 million; oil and gas, \$400,000; sand and gravel, \$32.9 million; recreation \$2.4 million; fish and wildlife \$976,000. Since almost half of the riverbed land was located within the Cherokee Nation, the Cherokees would receive approximately \$113,400,000. And in accord with their historic 3/4 to 1/4 undivided interest in jointly held land, the Choctaws would receive \$47.7 million and the Chickasaws \$15.9 million.¹

The ball was back in the

court of the tribal leaders, two of whom had been in office less than a year. In 1976, David Gardner succeeded Jimmy Belvin as Choctaw chief and Ross O. Swimmer succeeded W.W. Keeler as Cherokee principal chief. Gardner, who had backed Charles Tate, Gov. Overton James's opponent in the 1975 Chickasaw election, had defeated Calvin Beams despite Belvin's backing. Swimmer defeated Butler Welch by less than 400 votes out of about 4,200 cast.

After the tribal leaders and attorneys met with Interior and BIA officials, the three leaders drafted a proposed agreement and sent a copy to each member of the state congressional delegation asking for support of the legislation that was needed before a settlement could be concluded.

A preamble of sorts to the agreement read: "The tribes are morally and politically committed that no tribal lands should be conveyed away." (Gardner had promised in his campaign not to sell Choctaw land, as he had accused his predecessor, Jimmy Belvin, of doing.) Though he did not favor selling the lands, he was in favor, in effect, of giving them up in all but name. Bob Rabon, who was the law partner of Lon Kile, attorney for the Choctaws and Chickasaws, believed that Gardner may have been persuaded to modify his

position by his pragmatic chief lieutenant and alter ego, Hollis Roberts.² Gov. James had faced the same charge of selling tribal lands from his 1975 gubernatorial opponent, Charles Tate, and was also sensitive to the issue.

The tribes agreed "to lease the property to the U.S. for a 99 year term. In consideration of the payment of \$60.4 million (for the depletable assets) and 99 annual lease payments of \$5.8 million—representing an annualized rate of 5 percent of the remaining assets identified in the appraisals—the tribes will lease to the U.S. the property and property rights described in the reports. They also waived all claim of damages arising from any unlawful taking and withholding of such property.³

If Congress accepted the proposal, the Chickasaw Nation would receive an initial payment of \$6.25 million for the depletable assets and \$500,000 annually in lease payments. Gov. James repeated his pledge, via the *Chickasaw Times*, that when the money became available tribal members would vote its disposition. The modus operandi for an agreement was S.B. 660, introduced on February 7, 1977, by Oklahoma U.S. Senators Dewey Bartlett and Henry Bellmon. Sen. Bartlett had been asked by the Interior Department to sponsor the legislation, which authorized the Secretary of Interior to enter into

an agreement with the tribes for the "purchase and/or lease by the United States of each nation's right and interest in the riverbed of the Arkansas River."⁴

To facilitate passage, it was clearly understood by both of Oklahoma's senators and the three tribal leaders that when Congress gave the authority to the secretary, he would sign the agreement.⁵ Although \$177 million would be one of the largest amounts ever paid to Indian tribes, the leaders had done everything they had been asked to do to bring this matter to a successful conclusion. This included agreeing to provide testimony on behalf of the bill to appropriate Congressional committees. Their first appearance was made before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs on May 25, 1977.⁶ The committee was chaired by Sen. James Abourezk, Democrat of South Dakota and included Sen. Bartlett of Oklahoma.

Although the hearing began uneventfully with general statements from Abourezk and Bellmon, things picked up considerably when Bartlett, who had arrived late, announced that he had just learned that Interior was no longer supporting S. B. 660. Visibly upset, he said he awaited an explanation with "great anticipation." Bartlett must have looked somewhat icily at the Interior and BIA officials in the audience, par-

ticularly at the committee's next witness, Raymond Butler, acting deputy commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Butler's explanation was simplicity itself, at least initially. Interior and the BIA were not supporting S. B. 660, he said, because they already had the authority to negotiate with the tribes by virtue of their department's trust responsibility. Bartlett interjected that he had been approached by Interior officials to introduce the legislation so that negotiations could begin. Butler verified that, but pointed out that Bartlett had been approached by the previous administration.

But when had Interior decided that S. B. 660 wouldn't be necessary, Abourezk asked. Mr. Butler: "About 7 o'clock last night. I will be very candid with the committee." (There was laughter from the audience.)

"What made you change your mind at 7 o'clock?" Abourezk continued.

"Mr. Chairman," Butler replied, "I again speak candidly. I think in my judgment the \$177 million price tag was the major factor."

Butler told the committee that the acting secretary Leo Krulitz had directed him to oppose the legislation on the ground that because the department already

*See Arkansas Riverbed,
page 31*

Upward Bound students, parents complete orientation at Murray

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program conducted its annual student/parent orientation May 14 at Murray State College (MSC). The staff is preparing for approximately 150 students to arrive on campus for the summer instructional session. Each student received a copy of the Upward Bound Handbook and completed a summer information sheet to update information and select a roommate. Students also had their pictures taken for their ID badges. Staff members Tracey Vasquez and Rici Love went

over the handbook and discussed the rules and regulations for attending the summer session and staying in the dorms at Murray State College.

After the orientation, students and parents were treated to pizza and salad at the MSC cafeteria. The Upward Bound bridge students checked in May 30 in order to attend their college classes the next day. The remaining students checked in June 1, and completed the summer session June 30.

Once the summer session is successfully completed, each

class will be taken on a trip to Texas in July. The freshmen and sophomore students will travel to Dallas, the junior students will visit San Antonio and the senior students will go to South Padre Island. The Bridge students will travel to Durango, Colorado in August.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program serves over 150 high school students in 23 schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, call (580) 371-9903.

5th Annual Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Foundation trustee and secretary, and Chris Carpenter, first recipient of the John Bennett Herrington Scholarship.

4th Annual Cultural Evening set for September 27

The Chickasaw Foundation is hosting the 4th Annual Cultural Evening at Kullihoma on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 as part of the Chickasaw Festival.



Watch for additional details in the near future, and mark your calendar to join us for a night of cultural experiences you'll never forget! The winner of our Cultural Evening Design

Contest will also be featured in next month's issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.



Sue Fish demonstrates how to weave a basket.

Foundation benefits from Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation extends its appreciation to Chickasaw Nation employees who have enrolled in the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan and selected the Foundation to receive their payroll deductions. Your contributions are such an amazing way to help others who are in need. Keep up the good work!

Chickasaw Nation employees who were enrolled during 2004 helped the Foundation to make donations to the following organizations: Iushpa Coat Drive (purchased 27 coats), Ada Area Success by 6, Pontotoc Animal Welfare Society Shelter, East Central University Honors Trip, Ada Boys & Girls Club, Chickasaw Foundation, The Salvation Army, Family Crisis Center, Chickasaw Children's Village, American Red Cross, House of Hope Pregnancy Care Center and Compassion Outreach Center.

If you haven't already enrolled, and are interested in making a difference in the lives of others, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030. Thank you for your generosity!

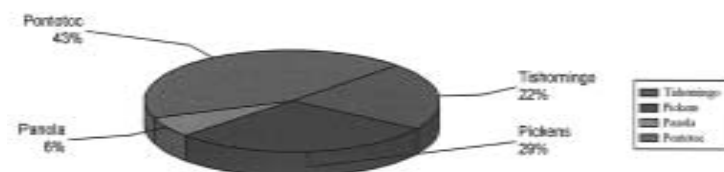


Lori Hamilton, Adria Gurry, and Foundation trustee Kirk Perry display a coat purchased through the Iushpa program.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,302	Pontotoc	8,699
Pickens	5,824	Tishomingo	4,344
			20,169

Voters Chart by Districts



Brown Family Reunion

To honor the loving memory of the late Otto and Lillie (Martin) Brown, their family will host a family reunion August 5 - 7, 2005 at the home of the Brown Generation, 1607 Lighthorse Road, Ardmore, OK 73401-8852.

For more information contact Cheryl Renee (Brown) Hansbrough or email Sandra D. Pickens at sdpickens@yahoo.com

Site of 1800s stickball matches, horse races

Historical marker dedicated north of Ada



Members of the Chickasaw Historical Society Board stand alongside the monument marking the site of historic Chickasaw versus Choctaw stickball contests and horse races. From left are Overton "Buck" Cheadle, Kennedy Brown, Matthew Morgan, Pat Woods, Robert Perry, Pauline Brown, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Johnna Walker, Kelley Lunsford and Glenda Galvan.

Tribe hosts annual Martial Arts Tournament

ADA, Okla. – Eighty-six contestants competed in the 14th annual Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Tournament June 11 in Ada.

The tournament was sanctioned by the Oklahoma Karate Association (OKA), which ranks participants for state championships. Last year, the Chickasaw Nation had 27 OKA

state champions and 11 Native American Martial Arts Association world champions.

Below are the results from the tournament for individuals enrolled in the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program:

Ada - Hugh Odem, yellow belt- 3rd forms/ 1st fighting;



Sadie Salyer, of Ardmore, prepares to compete in the eight- and nine-year-old beginner forms division at the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Tournament.

Lorenzo Charqueno, white belt- 5th forms/ 7th fighting; Jack Lafountain, yellow belt- 3rd forms/ 3rd fighting; Matt Guzman, yellow belt- 1st forms/ 1st fighting; Matthew Pettigrew, white belt- 4th forms/ 4th fighting and Dannie Sue Davidson, green belt- 4th forms/ 2nd fighting.

Ardmore - Sadie Salyer, white belt- 6th forms/ 6th fighting; Luis Alvarez, black belt- 3rd forms/ 3rd fighting; Isaac Babcock, white belt 5th forms/ 4th fighting; Matthew Babcock, white belt- 4th forms/ 4th fighting and Mason Coin, white belt- 5th forms/ 5th fighting.

Milburn - Danny Smith, black belt- 3rd forms/ 3rd fighting.

Purcell - Nicholas Johnson, yellow belt- 4th forms/ 3rd fighting; Dakota Skinner, yellow belt - 5th forms/ 4th fighting; Breanna Schultz, yellow belt- 1st forms/ medal fighting; Brittini Schultz, purple belt- 3rd forms/ 1st fighting; Perry Hottel, white belt- 3rd forms/ 1st fighting; Brock Hottel, Purcell- yellow belt- 1st forms/ 2nd fighting; Colten Skinner, green belt- 1st forms/ 5th fighting; Connie Skinner, green belt- 1st forms/ 1st fighting and Greg Skinner, green belt- 2nd forms/ 1st fighting.

Tishomingo - Sierra Lowe, yellow belt- medal forms and fighting.

The tribe offers a martial arts program to individuals of all ages in five locations across the

Chickasaw Nation.† The classes are offered free to Chickasaw Nation citizens and tribal employees.† Other participants may enroll for \$15 per month.

The martial arts program strives to build the five basic needs of the student: character, sincerity, effort, etiquette and self-control.

Areas of instruction include Aerobic Kickboxing, Shotokan Karate, Tae Kwon Do and Kito Ryu Ju Jitsu.

For more information on the tribe's martial arts program, call (580) 272-5504

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Sierra Lowe, of Tishomingo, competes in the six- and seven-year-old beginner forms division at the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Tournament conducted in June.

Members of the Chickasaw Historical Society were joined by local Pontotoc County Commissioners, local landowners and history buffs for the dedication of a granite monument marking the location of stickball games played between the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The marker is located about eight miles north of Ada approximately one mile east of Highway 1 in Buffalo Valley, former site of a large buffalo ranch.

Melvin Burris, Chickasaw legislator from the Pontotoc District, shared memories of his grandfather, Mose Burris, who played in many of those games.

"My grandfather was quite a man," said Mr. Burris. "He lived to be 104 years old, but he was never old to me. He taught me a lot."

Because the 1856 boundary between the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations was just east of the site and there was access to clear spring water, the site was chosen for stickball games and horse races between the tribes each fall and spring.

The marker includes a story about a 1903 stickball game that was stopped by Chickasaw Lighthorsemen and U.S. Marshals because it became too violent.

Phil Busby, former owner of the ranch, and current owner Roy Hall were each presented a set of stickball sticks in appreciation for their cooperation in erecting the marker.

Pontotoc County Commissioners Gary Starns, Carl Wages and Winford Wood were also recognized for their assistance.

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Submit your suggestions by July 31

Tribal department working on projects to highlight Chickasaws

Opportunity Knocks...

Chickasaw Multimedia is working on a special project that will highlight the unique opportunities available to Chickasaw citizens.

If you or someone you know has a great story about an opportunity they received from the Chickasaw Nation or as a result of being Chickasaw, we want to hear it!

These stories could be about children with special needs who have found support at the tribe's childhood development center, or someone achieving a doctorate degree with assistance from the tribal education programs.

Entrepreneurs, artists, old and young—all are encouraged to submit your story about how the Chickasaw Nation has provided an opportunity for you or your family to accomplish your goals and achieve your dreams.

Please submit a written story 500 words or less and, if possible, enclose a photograph. If you wish to have your photo

returned, supply the proper return address information.

In Remembrance...

The Chickasaw Nation will be adding a new segment to the annual meeting this October. We will take a moment to honor Chickasaws who have passed away during the previous year (September 2004 through present) in the form of a multimedia presentation.

If you would like to have your loved one honored in this way, please send a photo along with the exact name you wish to be displayed with the picture. If you wish to have your photo returned, supply the proper return address information.

The deadline to submit information for both projects is July 31.

For more information or to submit items, contact Danielle Armstrong at (580) 332-1416 or Danielle.armstrong@chickasaw.net. The items may also be mailed to Chickasaw Multimedia, 121 West Main,

April 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for May 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Cheyenne Faulkenberry and **Jacob Carroll** of Greenville Elementary are Students of the month for the Pickens District.

"Cheyenne Faulkenberry works hard everyday," said Tracy Doolan. "She is willing to take extra time to make sure she understands what she is supposed to do. She usually has a good attitude and is willing to try her best. Cheyenne has a loving personality."

"Jacob Carroll is a very respectful boy," said Mrs. Minyard. "He is very hard working. He has raised his reading and math levels two grades this school year. He is a good friend to other students and he stays out of trouble. I am proud to recommend him for Student of the Month."

Chenoa Cummings, Ravia Elementary, **Kaleb Lane**, Ravia Middle School and **Melissa Stewart**, Tishomingo Middle School are the Students of the Month of the Tishomingo District.

"Chenoa Cummings is a very outgoing and sweet girl," said Debbie Allen. "She always strives to do the best she can. If she can figure something out

she will not give up until she achieves it."

Kaleb Lane is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Ravia Middle School. Kaleb likes to read, and also enjoys basketball and baseball.

Kaleb is a very good student who has sent lofty goals for himself. He plans to attend college and also learn to be a gunsmith.

Kaleb plans to work for the Chickasaw Nation after he graduates from college.

"Melissa Stewart exhibits a positive attitude both in and out of the classroom," said Donna Owens. "Her hard work keeps her grades above average. She



shows respect for her peers and her teachers. Melissa is ready to work when she gets to class. She particulates in classroom discussions and sets a good example as a Student of the Month to those around her."

Nicala Price, Latta Elementary, **Destri Wood**, Wapanucka Elementary, **Marissa Prentice**, Allen Jr. High, **Jacob Coplen**, Latta Jr. High, **Kasha Perry**, Latta and **Michael Morris**, Latta High are the Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District.

"Nicala Price is a hard worker. She comes to school prepared and ready to work," said Julie Rauch. "Nicala has a positive personality and is willing to try new material with a smile."

"Destri Wood is an outgoing young man. He loves to play sports and hang out with friends," said Kara Miller. "He works hard in the classroom and he likes to read."

"Marissa Prentice is a delightful student who strives diligently to stay at the top of her class," said Melonie Johnson.



"She exhibits positive classroom participation and remains respectful to her fellow classmates and teach-

ers. Marissa is a hard worker in class and during extracurricular activities."

"Jacob Coplen is a very nice, well mannered young man. Jacob always has a smile on his face," said Terry Painter.

"Jacob is a joy to have in school and would represent the Chickasaw Nation well."



"Kasha Perry possesses all the qualities of an effective student leader," said Stan Cochman.



"She exemplifies what the Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month program is all about.

She is respectful to others and she has earned respect from others. Kasha is a fine representative of Latta School."

"Michael Morris has made very positive strides in becoming a good student, both inside and out of the classroom," said Stan Cochran.

"When Michael was in junior high, he would do many things that junior high boys typically do. Sometimes resulting



in negative consequences. I am very proud to say that, as he has grown through his high school years, Michael has matured and developed into a mature and responsible young man who is respectful of others and who takes care of his business academically." "He always represents our school in a positive way, whether he is on campus, traveling with his baseball team, or studying at Pontotoc Technology Center. Michael is very deserving to be named Student of the Month."

Chickasaw Nation Industries – Job Posting

Anchorage, Alaska – Wainwright

1 st shift	Dental Assistant	1
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Ft. Huachuca, Arizona

1 st shift	Contract Specialist - NBC	8
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Pima/Sacaton, Arizona

1 st shift	Program Analyst	1
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Atlanta, Georgia

1 st shift	Project Manager (Contract Specific)	2
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Savannah, Georgia – Ft. Gordon

1 st shift	Dentist (DDS)	1
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1 st shift	Dental Assistant	1
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Louisville, Kentucky – Ft. Knox

1 st shift	Dentist (DDS) – part-time	1
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1 st shift	Dental Assistant	6
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Leesville, Louisiana – Ft. Polk

1 st shift	Dentist (DDS)	2
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Carson City, Nevada

1 st shift	Probate Clerk/Specialist	2
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Albuquerque, New Mexico

1 st shift	Data Examiner – DQ&I	3
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1 st shift	Management Support - BASS	1
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1 st shift	Earned Value Program Analyst - BASS	1
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1 st shift	Help Desk Technician – OST Call Center	1
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1 st shift	Deputy Project Manager – Probate	1
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1 st shift	General Manager (Dept. of Energy)	1
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1 st shift	Director of Business Operations (Dept. of Energy)	1
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1 st shift	Director of Training and Education (Dept. of Energy)	1
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1 st shift	Environment, Safety, Health and Quality	1
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1 st shift	Assurance Manager (Dept. of Energy)	1
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1 st shift	Protective Force Training Manager (Dept. of Energy)	1
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El Paso, Texas – Ft. Bliss

1 st shift	Dentist (DDS)	1
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Killeen, Texas – Ft. Hood

1 st shift	Dentist (DDS)	1
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Wichita Falls, Texas – Sheppard Air Force Base

Rotating	Acute Care - PA	1
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1 st shift	Family Practice Physician	2
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1 st shift	Internist	1
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1 st shift	Health & Wellness Coordinator – RN	1
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1 st shift	Acute Care PA	1
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1 st shift	Dietician	1
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1 st shift	Family Practice – RN	1
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1 st shift	Pediatrics – RN	1
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If you would like to apply for one or more of the open positions, a Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI) Employment Application must be completed. For each open position that you would like to be considered, a separate CNI Employment Application must be completed. An application can be obtained by calling 580-272-5000, or by email to sherri.ellis@chickasaw.net and/or locally at 2020 Arlington, Suite 6, Ada, OK 74820.

Mississippi ridgetop historically significant

Tribal grant preserves Chickasaw village site

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Last May, the Chickasaw Nation provided a grant to the Archaeological Conservancy, a private, non-profit organization, to purchase approximately 35 acres of ridge-top land in southwestern Lee County, Mississippi. The tract of land encompasses much of the remainder of a historically significant 18th century Chickasaw village site, Tchichatala, and the remains of many ancestral Chickasaws buried there. They will continue to rest undisturbed, through the grant agreement signed by the Conservancy and Chickasaw Nation. The following is an account of how this collaborative agreement was accomplished, some historical information about Tchichatala (chi-cha-ta-la) and future plans.

The Beasleys

In 1963, John Ray and Lottye Betts Beasley moved their family and their entire house, filled with all their possessions, from Tupelo, Mississippi, to a farm a few miles out of town on Highway 6 near the Lee and Pontotoc county line.

They put down their house in place by a forest of cedar and hardwood trees that runs along a ridge. Walking along the ridgetop through the forest, the Beasleys could see through clearings a valley far below and Coonewah Creek, which paralleled the ridge for miles to the north and south.

They didn't know it at the time, but this magnificent view to the east and south had been for the Chickasaws living there 250 years before, an important and excellent vantage point from which to spot approaching enemies, especially the Choctaw.

It wasn't long before John Ray started seeing evidence of the earlier occupation. In many places, it was just a matter of looking down. Even on a short walk, he could see a scattering of potsherds. He occasionally found glass trade beads, pieces of badly rusted metal and ornaments.

When he plowed his fields, even a greater abundance of material turned up. This included hoes, axes, gun barrels, coins, many more glass beads,

and disturbingly, pieces of bone that in some cases were clearly human. After awhile, it seemed obvious that Chickasaws had lived on this land that he had named Cedarscape.

John Ray knew that if he got a metal detector and a shovel, he would undoubtedly find many more artifacts, including an assortment of European trade goods. But, he had seen the human bones and assumed that he would also hit graves. So, he decided that he would not dig for artifacts, nor would he permit others to do so.

Over the years, John Ray and Lottye Betts learned more about the Chickasaw occupation in the Tupelo area. More recently, they had learned from their neighbor up Coonewah Ridge, Steve Cook, that at least a portion of their property had been a Chickasaw village that the French had called Tchichatala (or some variation of the spelling).

In 1980, Cook and two other artifact collectors, Julian Riley and Buddy Palmer, wrote a paper fixing known historic Chickasaw village names to sites in the greater Tupelo area. Last year, Cook began producing an expanded and improved version of the paper largely based on a trade bead-dating system he has devised.

Earlier this year, the Beasleys decided it was time to move to a smaller place. They knew that the easiest and most profitable way to divest themselves of Cedarscape would be to sell the land to housing developers. An up-scale housing division already had been built adjacent to Cedarscape. They realized, however, that such development would unearth if not destroy remnants of the buried village of Tchichatala, including some human remains.

The Village Materializes

About this time, Cook and Riley were using magnetometers on Cook's land—thought by them to be the Chickasaw village, Falacheco (fala-chek-oh)—to trace segments of burned daub. Chickasaws used daub (clay) in the construction of their buildings; the daub may have been burned when Choctaws, according to a French account, attacked the villages. Cook and Riley made the tracings of

underground daub visible by sticking surveyor's flags in the ground at short intervals. The result was depictions of what appeared to be walls of numerous circular-shaped winter houses, other structures and fort walls. (The application of this technology has not yet been tested for reliability, but the sizes and shapes are remarkably similar to those described by English trader James Adair and various French reporters.)

Cook found the same patterns on and near the ridge at Cedarscape. The implanted flags left an imprint of that part of the village. It was one thing to speculate about a Chickasaw village but quite another to see outlines of the houses and fortified walls.

The Beasleys had a dilemma. They wanted to sell Cedarscape but not to developers, and who else would want this prime real estate but developers?

Preservation Initiatives

Governor Bill Anoatubby's active interest in protecting and preserving tribal village sites in the Tupelo area dates to 1994. At the time, the tribe knew almost nothing about village locations and it had little or no ability to buy land or influence Mississippians.

Nevertheless, the governor sent tribal representatives to Tupelo to begin talking and drumming up interest. Later, a village site was accidentally unearthed during expansion of a medical center in Tupelo, and the tribe was called to consult during the excavation and was allowed to rebury the remains and funerary objects near the original site. Afterwards, the tribe got occasional calls from Mississippians reporting desecrations of Chickasaw graves or warnings of the impending destruction of sites due to land development.

Gov. Anoatubby supported a tribal initiative to convene a first-ever meeting in Tupelo of persons representing all interest groups who theoretically could collaborate in saving village sites. These included Chickasaw representatives, local officials, landowners and archaeologists. Also invited were artifact collectors, who were key because they had the broadest knowledge of

the locations of intact or mostly intact sites.

The participants agreed that preserving village sites was a worthy goal, but saving them would require someone to buy the land intended to be preserved. Who would it be? And even if someone stepped forward, which site had priority?

The meeting adjourned with no commitments except to continue to meet on an as-needed basis. Months passed. Then, one of the participants of the meeting, Jessica Crawford, contacted me to ask if Gov. Anoatubby would be willing to entertain a proposal to help her employer, the Archaeological Conservancy, purchase some tracts of land in the Tupelo area that encompassed important Chickasaw village sites.

Anoatubby knew that the Conservancy had an excellent reputation. It had been acquiring and preserving the best of this nation's archaeological sites since its founding as a non-profit organization in 1980. So, he convened a meeting in his office last December. Crawford and her supervisor, Alan Gruber, presented a proposal that listed three tracts of land in the Tupelo area that were known to be village sites and to be for sale.

The Conservancy did not prioritize the tracts except to note that one landowner, the Beasleys, were anxious to move and wanted to sell their land to the Conservancy, which they knew would preserve the land. The focus of the meeting turned to Cedarscape/Tchichatala.

A Brief History

No one could say how old the village was, but the earliest European trade beads found there date to about 1685, according to Cook. Trader James Adair listed it as Shatara—one

of five villages arrayed along a 10-mile long ridgetop as of 1720. "In rapid speech the first syllable of *chisa*' tends to disappear, which accounts for its occasionally heard as *Shatala*," wrote Professor John Dyson in *Mississippi Archaeology* article on Chickasaw village names.

In 1708, an abundance of plum trees or bushes were noted near the villages along the ridgetop. A century later, a surveyor noted that the land was a prairie of gray clay and fossil shells. If a forest had existed, the villagers had harvested the trees for housing, defense and cooking.

After 1720, increasing Choctaw attacks apparently caused the residents to abandon three of these villages within five years. Since Tchichatala was the last to go, about 1734-35, it is likely that the village contained persuasive French sympathizers. The fact that France and the Choctaws were allies, saved Tchichatala from the worst attacks until French bounties for Chickasaw scalps became so attractive that the Choctaw could no longer restrain themselves.

The villagers took the name, Tchichatala, with them. Two French maps of the Chickasaw villages, one drawn in 1733 and one in 1737, clearly show that Tchichatala had changed locations.

The people moved a few miles to the northeast, to consolidate for defensive purposes with other villages within a settlement known as Old Town. The people remained within Old Town until the 1780s, when, according to Cook, some Chickasaws returned to the site on Coonewah ridge. Some were probably

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was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-046 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-046, Oil and Gas Lease in Love County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith and Associates, Inc., Norman, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$307.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$25,978.34, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,494.59, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 84.62 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$253.86, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$63.47 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-046. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-046 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott encouraged students to apply for scholarships for the fall semester.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated that Mr. Bill Lance, Hospital Administrator, gave a report to the committee on the Health Systems.

(G) HISTORICAL AND

CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) LEGISLATIVE ETHICS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution 22-009, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-111 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Special Requests)

This resolution repeals and rescinds Section 16-111 and amends Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order that processes for approving special requests and Legislative travel may be approved by the Special Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mrs. Hartman stated her concerns of allowing three individuals to make decisions pertaining to travel and special requests on behalf of the Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend Section 16-204 D.1. by adding, "All decisions shall be reported to the entire Legislature in a timely manner" to the end of the section. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander commented on the procedures used in conducting the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Ms. Easterling explained the budget dictates travel restrictions.

A vote was taken on the amendment.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to amend PR22-009 carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve PR22-009 as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly

Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve PR22-009, as amended, carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander explained she received a phone call regarding a situation where the Lighthorse Police was called. She commended that department for their quick response. She also commended the Chickasaw Nation for participating and supporting students showing their animals at the county livestock shows.

Mr. Humes voiced his concern of the lack of legitimate controversies in the Legislature over what decisions are to be made of the activities of our government. He would like to see more views of the citizen's discussions and fewer unanimous votes.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding appointments and reappointments of the commissioners, the Tishomingo Wellness Center, the need for a nutrition center in the Duncan area, per capita payments, and the lack of food being supplied to the senior citizen sites.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner commented on the need for a senior citizen's site in Duncan and per capita payments.

Ms. Juanita Tate expressed appreciation to Dr. Goforth Parker for reading the legal descriptions of the properties being voted on in the Land Development Committee.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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property, in Thackerville, Love, Oklahoma, described as: All that part of S/2 NW/4 & SW/4 lying East of the Gulf Coast and Santa Fe Rail Road, in Section 25, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, containing 164.45 acres, more or less, Love County, Oklahoma AND All that part of the NE/4 NW/4 NW/4 lying East of the Gulf Coast and Santa Fe Rail Road, & All that part of the NE/4 NW/4 & NW/4 NE/4 lying West of I-35, in Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, containing 58.69 acres, more or less, Love County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-015 Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)

Explanation: This resolution performs a housekeeping chore by amending a reference to the CFR Court to read "the courts of the Chickasaw Nation."

Requested by: Tim Colbert; Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert; Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Chickasaw Nation WIC Program Seeks Comments

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2006 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 1, 2005.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3,200 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county Chickasaw Nation area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call the numbers above or (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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had trust obligation the bill was unnecessary, an opinion that Butler said he shared. Was Interior directed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to oppose the bill, Bartlett asked? Butler said, "I strongly suspect" that is what took place. Bartlett stated that the trustee [Interior] for the Indians is not acting as their advocate, but "has rolled over and played dead to another department.... I don't think our government is supposed to work this way." Chairman Abourezk stated that one of the OMB people had said, "We don't owe those Indians a damn thing." Abourezk pointed out that in reality the whole government is a trustee to the tribes, including OMB.

In reaction to the unraveling of the deal the night before, Ross Swimmer gestured toward his colleagues, James and Gardner, and said: "You are looking at three frustrated Indians. We regarded the U.S. government as our trustee. Frankly, we don't know now who is going to represent us."⁷ But Butler said he would begin negotiating with the tribe in a meeting that already had been tentatively scheduled for Tulsa on June 1. Abourezk wanted the legislation amended so that negotiations would be concluded within six months, but Butler thought a year would be more realistic.⁸

Nevertheless, Andrew Wilcoxon, attorney for the Cherokees, testified that Interior's opinion notwithstanding, the legislation was still needed because the bill directed the Secretary of Interior to enter into negotiations and provided that appropriations be authorized along the lines of the existing appraisals. Concluding in a lawyerly fashion, Wilcoxon cited two precedents in which the federal government had compensated Indian tribes for taking riverbed land.

The next act to be played out before the committee was not a surprise. It was known that a Chickasaw and a Choctaw would testify against the bill. What tribal matter had ever garnered total acceptance? But the well organized, articulate testimony of Charles Tate raised some disturbing points that fortified OMB's decision to scuttle the \$177 million buyout.

Both Jimmy Sam, the Choctaw, and Tate, saying they rep-

resented community groups from their tribes, opposed the bill because they contended that James and Gardner had no authority to enter into such an agreement. And even if they had been properly authorized, the studies contracted by the BIA were inadequate as a basis for a settlement. Sam asked the Senate to postpone action on a settlement until both "major deficiencies are corrected."⁹

Tate, a lawyer, elaborated on the deficiencies for both tribes, although he confined his remarks largely to the Chickasaws. The reason that Overton James, he said, had no authority to negotiate over the riverbed lands is that the people didn't authorize him to do so, as provided "under our present tribal law." The law he meant was the constitution enacted in 1867. Tate maintained it was still in effect because Congress had passed an act on April 26, 1906, saying in Section 28 that the Chickasaw Nation should continue in full force and effect until "otherwise provided by law."

"Senator," Tate said, "there has been no 'otherwise provided

by law since 1906.'" Soon after that act was passed, he explained, the BIA began insisting that it would recognize only one person in the tribe, the governor, who was appointed by the President of the U.S. The Muskogee area office most recently affirmed this policy again, he said, when it denied the right of the Chickasaw people to legislate policy for themselves.

Furthermore, Tate said, the appraisals were not fair or adequate. Many specific examples could be given, he said, citing one: The oil and gas appraisal of \$358,000 among the 16,000 acres "is an insult to anyone's intelligence." The Arkansas River has 20 producing gas wells. One of them alone, he said, is capable of producing nine million cubic feet of gas per day.

Tate concluded his testimony by telling the committee that the question over who speaks for the tribe was settled in a very similar case, Harjo vs. Kleppe, by a federal district court in 1976. The court ruled that the pre Oklahoma statehood Constitution of the Creeks was still in effect. What made this case

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descendants of the original residents. They remained there until about 1800 when Chickasaws began leaving the villages to work widely dispersed family farms.

Chickasaw Grant

After the historical perspective was discussed, Gov. Anoatubby told the small group assembled in his office that he felt a strong obligation to preserve Chickasaw village sites. In the case of Tchichatala, he and Chickasaw Enterprises CEO Brian Campbell discussed providing a grant for the preservation of this land. And he left no doubt that he believed all details would be worked out satisfactorily by the Conservancy and his staff.

With the Chickasaw grant, the Conservancy purchased nearly 35 acres from the Beasleys in May. The agreement also included the Beasleys' 2,800 square house (which they will leave partially furnished), a fully furnished guesthouse, and a variety of barns and sheds. The land also contains two ponds.

As of early June, the Conservancy and Chickasaw Nation are jointly working out general

guidelines for management of the property. For example, selected, carefully scrutinized research projects may be conducted at Tchichatala, but no burials may be disturbed. Preservation efforts also will involve several varieties of endangered native plants. In addition, plants that were important to 18th century Chickasaws will be preserved or re-introduced to the site.

Future Plans

Within the next year, the Beasleys will be moving out of their house and into one that they are constructing on adjacent land. From there, John Ray and Lottye Betts will continue to patrol their former property to keep out trespassers. The property will be fenced and a locked gate erected at the entrance. Meanwhile, some tribal officials will be periodically spending time at Tchichatala in preparation for an exciting new development.

Explicitly stated in the agreements between the Conservancy and the Chickasaw Nation is the option for the tribe to lease the property in perpetuity for a nominal annual fee. That would enable the tribe, says

similar was that the Creeks were one of the Five Civilized Tribes also affected by the April 26, 1906, act.¹⁰

1. "Worth Placed on Indian Land," *The Daily Oklahoman*, Feb. 20, 1976 and Summary Sheet from the Hearing Before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs on S. 660, May 25, 1977, p. 17. Arkansas Riverbed file, Tribal Library. Hereafter cited as Senate Hearing.

2. Bob Rabon, Interview, March 18, 1993. Author's files.

3. Overton James, Ross Swimmer and David Gardner, letter to Oklahoma congressional delegation, March 11, 1976; Agreement between the three tribes and the Secretary of In-

terior, Carl Albert Collection, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. Box 140, file 29.

4. Advisory Council minutes, *Chickasaw Times*, Aug. 18, 1976. Also, "Senators Give Riverbed Bill to Congress," *Chickasaw Times*, Vol. 6 No. 1, 1977.

5. Statement by Ross Swimmer, Senate Hearing on S. 660, p. 32.

6. Senate Hearing.

7. "\$177 Million Indian Bill Loses Backing," *The Daily Oklahoman*, May 26, 1977;

8. Senate Hearing, 18 30.

9. Senate Hearing, 50 53.

10. Senate Hearing, 50 52, 114, 157.

(Footnotes)

Diabetes Support Group

July 26, 2005

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Do you know someone with diabetes? Do you have questions about diabetes? Would you like to learn more about diabetes?

Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Large Conference Room

For more information contact, Valorie Duncan, Raven Burris or Thea Stephens at the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department, (580) 436-0553.

Gov. Anoatubby, to develop a retreat and educational center for visiting Chickasaw citizens. "What a tremendous experience for Chickasaws to walk upon the land of our ancestors," he said. "Chickasaws will see where and learn how our people lived 300 years ago. There could be Chickasaw language classes. Think of that, the Chickasaw language spoken by our people on that ridgetop once again."

Standing at Tchichatala recently, Kirk Perry, tribal administrator of Heritage Preservation, said "good feelings" swept over him as he thought of peace clans and warrior clans and "imagined attacking Choctaws coming

over the ridges" visible before him. "No description of the place can do it justice. You have to experience it for yourself."

Gov. Anoatubby: "For many Chickasaws, I am sure the experience at Tchichatala will be deeply meaningful. There, they will see and learn things about our past that will stay with them forever."

Persons may contact Richard Green at 405.947.5020 or rgreen26@cox.net

'You have gotten tall'

Tchichatala The English meaning of Tchichatala depends on how it was pronounced. Language preservation specialist JoAnn Ellis says Chi Cha Ta Lah means "you have gotten tall."

That may seem to make no sense until you realize that the village was settled on a high

bluff or ridgetop. If you are standing in the valley near Coonewah Creek, looking west toward the bluff, the village may seem to be quite tall.

In his article on Chickasaw village names, John Dyson wrote, "Chisa' is post oak and talla'a' is that which stands, in

John Henry Landers



John Henry Landers, 91, died Aug. 7, 2004.

Burial was Aug. 16, 2004 in Visalia District Cemetery, Visalia, Calif.

The fifth of 13 children he was born March 16, 1913 at Katie, Okla., to Jasper N. Landers and Lizzie Beth (Dillard), an original enrollee.

He was the great-grandson of Nathaniel B. and Sophia (Humphreys) Love and Hamp Dillard (Choctaw) and Elisabeth (LeFlore) Dillard (Chickasaw). He was the grandson of Ben Dillard (Choctaw) and Nancy (Love) Dillard, an original enrollee.

He married Thelma M Williams, Oct. 10, 1937 at Las Cruces, N.M. They were the parents of six children.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Thelma; sons, JT, Joe Henry, and JD.

He is survived by, daughters and son-in-laws, Christian Lee and Juanita Landers Hansen, Hoyt and Leona Landers Shepard and Manuel N. and Patsy Landers Correa, all of Goshen, Calif; daughter-in-law, Linda Ann Johnson Landers of Farmersville, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Susie L (Landers) Quillin, Vernon L (Landers) Kimbler, and Bessie M (Landers) Lewis, all of Fresno, Calif.; and sister-in-law, Pearl Landers, Fresno.

Mary Caroline Dawson Fundis

Mary Caroline Dawson Fundis, 95, died Feb. 16, 2005. She was laid to rest with her late husband of 63 years, Charles E. Fundis at Wanette, Okla.

She was the granddaughter of Wesley B. Burney and the only surviving child of Valley Burney Dawson and Dr. R.D. Dawson.

While attending the University of Oklahoma she met and married her husband Charles Fundis. She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and being born after the rolls were closed, that did not keep her from registering her proud Chickasaw heritage and passed that heritage on to her five daughters, the late Valye N. Fundis, the late Mary Caroline Fundis Pylas, Sarah E. Fundis Tillman of Tulsa, Edna L. Fundis Bremer of New Braunfels, Texas and Charlene E. Fundis, Wanette, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She took great pride in our Chickasaw Nation and how its people embraced the culture, educated and progressed. She shared many stories from her grandfather Burney, brother of Ed Burney, about the cattle drives, Belle Star camping on the Red River, crossing at Burneyville and many more. She enjoyed her cousin, Pete Burney, bringing his keyboard to her house and playing many tunes.

Our loss is great but our memories are many and most happy.

Betty Louise Lionberger



Betty Louise Lionberger of Camarillo, Calif., died May 20, 2005.

She was born April 19, 1939, southeast of Fitzhugh, Okla., to Julia Kennedy Thomas and John Thomas.

She was one of seven children.

She grew up and graduated from Fitzhugh High School.

She met her husband, William E. Lionberger, in 1950, and they made their home in Oxnard, Calif., and then moved to Camarillo, where they spent 33 years. They were happily married for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Lionberger was an active competition bowler and served 25 years as an elected officer of the Ventura County Bowling League. She owned a professional photo studio in Oxnard for 12 years and enjoyed visiting her family in Oklahoma and participating in annual family reunions, held in different locations each year. Mrs. Lionberger was a voting member of the Chickasaw Nation/

She is survived by her two children, Dr. William Lionberger of Sedona, Ariz.; and Debbie Kay Lionberger of Camarillo; three grandchildren, who were the love of her life, Douglas Haines, Jason Lionberger, and Madison Lionberger; and two sisters, Mary Jo Green of Ada, Okla., and Edna Hernandez of Oxnard.

She was a vibrant woman, who enjoyed life to its fullest.

A celebration of her life was May 26, at Pierce Bros. Griffin Memorial Chapel.

Jimmie S. Walker

Rev. Jimmie S. Walker died July 15, 2004, at a local nursing home. Services were July 19, 2004.

He was born Dec. 19, 1931, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma to John and Cecilia Johnson Walker. He was reared by his grandmother, Vicky Walker. He attended school at Kallihoma and Lawrence, Kan. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Walker was employed with Idle Time-Allen Camper until his retirement. Later he was a United Methodist minister affiliated with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. He pastored the Jesse, Atoka, Bennington and McCurtain circuits, retiring in 1995. He was a member of Johnson Chapel United Methodist Church. He was a gospel singer with the Walton Quartet.

He married Ella Walton in 1966. She died April 15, 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Glenda Ishcomer and husband Leroy, Ada, Okla., Brenda Hilinski and husband Mark, Ada, and Denise Little

and husband Wesley, Ada; three sons, Ronald Walker and wife Dave Lynn, Ada, Dennis Walker, Ada, and Rick Walker and wife Yauna, Ada; three brothers, Dean Walker, Dallas, Texas, Bill Alexander, Amber, Okla., and Edwin Alexander, Tulsa; eight sisters, Wanda Alexander, Louise Marrs, Charlene Vasquez, Norma Johnson, Ada, Irene Banks, all of Ada, Delores Alexander, Oklahoma City, Viola Jim, Shawnee, and Darlene Echiwaudah, Cyril; 12 grandchildren, Matthew, Alex, Mika, Cruz, Tiffany, Steffany, Dakota, Rayla, Trenton, Kamry, Courtney and Isaiah; four sisters-in-law, Sue Walton, Belle Harjo, Sina Mae Ogg and Vera Tims; and a brother-in-law, H.B. Walton, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandmother Vicky Walker, and a granddaughter Marissa Faith Ishcomer.

Bearers are Shawn Greenlee, Virgil Walker, Gary Walker, Craig Parnacher, Nathan Harjo and Herman Walker.

Honorary bearers are Thurman Walker, Gerald Carnes, Darrell Carnes, and Michael Carnes.

LuAnn Stanford

LuAnn Tupper, Stanford, Tulsa, died May 27, 2005. Services were May 31 at College Hill Presbyterian Church, Tulsa.

She was born March 5, 1939.

Heaven benefits greatly from our loss, however, becoming a much livelier place with the arrival of its newest particularly feisty and fun-loving angel.

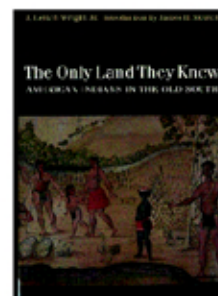
She loved reading, working in her garden, and her family and friends with a fierceness that puts the summer to shame. Her sense of humor and adventurous spirit brought new friends wherever she went. Her deep compassion led her to wherever there was a child in need. Her extensive work with underprivileged, and mentally and physically challenged children, as well as her work in adult literacy, earned her nominations for Volunteer of the Year in both Tulsa and Houston. She fought as courageously as she lived to stay with us and for that we'll always be grateful. Her beautiful spirit will live on in the many hearts she touched.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Janice Diffey Tupper.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Charles C. Stanford; daughters, Carey Stanford, Houston, Laura Stanford; son and daughter-in-law, Chris Stanford and Beth Gill, Richmond, Va.; special family friend, Theresa Perkins; brother and sister-in-law, Jan and Carol Tupper, Joplin, Mo.; niece, Vicky Mieseler and family, Carls Junction, Mo.; nephews, Jon Tupper and family, Joplin, Joel Tupper and family, Tulsa, Jeff Tupper and family, Stilwell, Kan.; and cousins.

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Featured Selections of the Month



The Only Land They Knew
American Indians in the old south

J. Leitch Wright Jr.

Back Cover: In this unsurpassed history of the Native peoples of the southern United States, J. Leitch Wright Jr. describes Native lives, customs and encounters with Europeans and Africans from late prehistory through the nineteenth century.

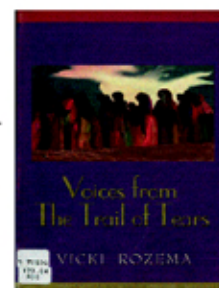
J. Leitch Wright Jr. was a professor of history at Florida State University.

Voices From The Trail of Tears

Vicki Rozema

Back Cover: During the first half of the 19th century, as many as 100,000 Native Americans were relocated west of the Mississippi River from their homelands in the East. The best known of these forced emigrations was the Cherokee Removal of 1838. Christened Nu-No-Tlo-Hi-Lu—literally “the Trail Where They Cried”—by the Cherokees, it is remembered today as the Trail of Tears.

In *Voices from the Trail of Tears*, editor Vicki Rozema re-creates this tragic period in American history by letting eyewitnesses speak for themselves.



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